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Our Mailman Will Tell Us

Received yesterday — \$460.50

Total thus far — \$19,353.26

We said yesterday that if 5,000 New Yorkers put a dollar or more in the mails at once, we will be over with our \$25,000 fund plea and supporters of the paper in this state will have hit their goal of \$15,000. Can't tell until today's mail what your answer will be. But would suggest if you have not yet acted, send your bill (or bills) today to:

P.O. Box 136, Cooper Station, New York City.

From a group of readers in the farm belt state of North Dakota came \$55 yesterday and good luck to our campaign, while another North Dakotan, in Williston, sends another dollar added to five previously sent. Total for readers from that state is now something over \$50, and we expect more is coming.

THE COMMUNIST PARTY of Maryland-District of Columbia, whose leaders have been indicted under the pro-fascist Smith Act, sends us \$50 with a fine letter signed by Chairman George Meyers and Roy Wood, Chairman of the D.C. area, both of them among the five leaders arrested there recently and facing trial:

"The columns of The Worker and Daily Worker provide invaluable ammunition for many patriotic Americans who are determined to prevent Wall Street from launching a world-wide atomic war with its world-wide millions of millions of people piled in death," the letter declares.

It states that our paper is needed, too, by the American trade union movement to break the wage freeze and win pay increases needed to meet rising living costs and taxes; to protect the unions from repressive Taft-Hartley, McCarran and Smith Act legislation; to continue our "proud and consistent fight for the rights of the Negro people"; to champion the fight for democratic rights.

The contribution raises to about \$250 the amount received from the Baltimore and D.C. areas.

From upstate New York come fivers from Rochester and Buffalo, six dollars from two friends in Schenectady, and a ten-spot from Orangeburg.

ONE CHICAGOAN sends a five dollar contribution, and another \$3. And from Michigan comes ten dollars from Grand Rapids. (Continued on Page 6)

Blast Truman's Phony Order on Jimcrow

By ABNER W. BERRY

Labor leaders and civil rights groups yesterday blasted President Truman's new Contract Compliance Committee as a "feeble attempt" to meet the insistent demands of the Negro people and the labor movement for a real Fair Employment Practices Committee.

Ewart Guinier, chairman of the Greater New York Negro Labor Council, and secretary-treasurer of the United Public Workers of America, listed the following points concerning the Presidential Order:

- It does not include all agencies under the direct control of the chief executive.
- By precedent, all contracts having to do with standard commercial supplies and materials are excluded from the Order.
- No provision for complaints to be filed by aggrieved persons or groups.
- No compulsory public hearings at which testimony could be given.
- No centralized enforcement authority.

OTHERS ALSO PROTESTS

Guinier's criticism joined with that of other groups, among them the Americans for Democratic Action and the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, both political supporters of the President. The ADA declared through its executive secretary, Reginald H. Zalles, in Washington that the Order was all right "as far as it goes, but it definitely does not go far enough. We continue to urge the President to create an effective FEPC with full powers in line with the Democratic Party platform adopted in 1948."

Clarence Mitchell, Washington NAACP representative, told the press, "I am disappointed because (Continued on Page 6)



GUINIER

Gov't Orders Hike in Prices of Meat, Milk

WASHINGTON, Dec. 5.—The Truman administration today ordered price increases on thousands of products including coal, clothing, meat, milk, canned foods, cigarettes and drugs. The excuse offered was so-called "cost increases" since the beginning of the Korean war.

The Office of Price Stabilization issued an order bringing nearly all the nation's manufacturers, processors, mines and oil firms under the Capehart Amendment to the controls law, effective immediately.

OPS officials were silent about predicting any general price increase as a result of today's order. The agency admitted, however, that in specific cases where

applications for higher ceilings are approved the effect will be to raise prices.

The price agency previously applied the Capehart formula to some 70,000 manufacturers of such products as furniture, hardware, rubber goods and machinery. Special orders will be issued later to extend the formula to the automobile industry and service firms such as banks, dry cleaners, laundries and repair shops.

Price Chief Michael V. DiSalle warned that prices apparently are starting another upward swing.

The Agriculture Department reported that feed grain reserves for livestock have dipped to a new low which may mean a cutback in livestock production in 1953. The department said this would mean a "bite" out of present living standards and "great additional inflationary pressure."

U. S. Casualties Now 101,688

WASHINGTON, Dec. 5.—The Pentagon reported today that American battle casualties in the Korean war now total more than 101,688, an increase of 805 in a week.

The report covers casualties whose relatives had been notified through last Friday. It included 17,275 dead; 71,857 wounded; 17,988 missing; 175 captured and 1,398 previously reported missing who returned to duty.

Since these figures are old, the actual casualty toll is higher.

won the usual labels of "double-talk" and "hidden meanings" from Gen. Matthew Ridgway and his negotiators.

While the Koreans were cutting the ground from under Ridgway's propaganda to the effect that they had "refused" to accept neutral inspection, the Pentagon brass-hats were busy whipping up the flames of the war by giving the hoopla treatment to a couple of "Commando" raids behind Korean (Continued on Page 6)

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Koreans Propose Pro-U. S. Majority On Truce Team

Korean and Chinese negotiators at Panmunjom yesterday agreed to neutral supervision of any truce inspection, and themselves proposed a five-nation team weighted on the side of Washington, in a major compromise proposal to end the war quickly. The

Koreans suggested Sweden, Switzerland, and Denmark, all recognized as pro-Washington states, and Poland and Czechoslovakia, as nations qualified to inspect Korean ports of entry during an armistice.

In keeping with the Pentagon policy of shoot-and-stall, however, the Korean and Chinese proposal

600 Delegates Back Union Sq. Peace Rally Tues.

By LESTER RODNEY

The real possibility of turning the words "Peace on earth, good will to men" into quick reality was the theme that brought 600 delegates from New York's neighborhoods to their feet cheering Tuesday night at the packed Fraternal Clubhouse.

The delegates assembled under the auspices of the Greater New York Councils for Peace to launch the whirlwind campaign for 250,000 signatures to the simple and dramatic Christmas card plea to the President for peace in Korea and permanent world peace through big-power negotiations. This is the New York part of the national campaign now under way for millions of expressions for a Big Five meeting.

The meeting heard from the localities of astounding initial reactions to the non-partisan card, where canvassers reported that NOBODY, literally NOBODY approached had refused to sign the plea.

Rich and imaginative plans for dramatizing the campaign in the neighborhoods were forthcoming, including already successful usage of a "Santa Claus" with make-believe mail box and stacks of peace cards on street corners, Christmas caroling groups, getting the card into small local newspapers, getting committees of ministers, rabbis and community leaders to insert the contents of the card into papers as ads.

And the assembled peace fighters from the four big boroughs pledged to help make the Union Square demonstration for peace next Tuesday, 5 to 7 p.m., a rousing success, a major step forward in the entire campaign.

ELOQUENT PLEA

It was a night for rapt attention to the eloquence of Rev. Jack McMichael, executive director of the Methodist Federation of Social Action, who spoke of the appropriateness of the Christmas season, with its story of a little child of peace, (Continued on Page 6)

14 St. Pickets

Protest Rommel Film

A mass picket line staged a lively and colorful demonstration last night at the Academy Theatre, on 14 St., to protest the showing of the Desert Fox, which glorifies the Nazi Gen. Ernst Rommel. Leaflets and slogans against the Desert Fox brought a favorable response from passers by.

Over 200 participated, and the number was growing as the paper went to press.

The demonstration was sponsored by the East Side Provisional Committee to Ban Pro-Nazi Films.

Rally Tomorrow to Hear How Berlin Heard Robeson

By JOHN HUDSON JONES

The story of how Paul Robeson was present at the Berlin Youth Festival although the State Department refused him a passport will be told by some of the U.S. delegates who will be welcomed home at Riverside Plaza Hotel Friday night. Robeson will also be at the

GI's Mother Tells Denver Post 'Iron Curtain Is Right Here'

DENVER, Dec. 5.—It is "right here in the U.S." that the "Iron Curtain" is "descending," Mrs. Roy Hopkins, a GI's mother, declared in a plea, carried by the Denver Post, for an immediate end to the Korean war. Her letter, appearing on Nov. 19, declared, in part:

"There is one thing I want to know, and now. If the President of the United States has the power to order troops into Korea without a declaration of war, then we do not have the right as American citizens, to demand a 'cease-fire' in Korea? If this war—and it is war, declared or not—is going to be fought by the swivel-chair politicians in Washington, D.C., then I say let's have them fight it on the blood-soaked battlefield.

"This might, for a while at least, rid us of graft and filthy politics. And I'm further in favor of keeping them all there till after the next election, since this has all the aspects of a political war.

"I am no longer just confused. I am irate at a people who are absolutely unconcerned, and have little regard for anything but the almighty dollar. How much longer can our country—the greatest in the world—continue to exist under such standards? . . .

"Many answers have been given men as to 'why' we must continue to fight. They are all vague. I realize we must protect our own interests, but I also realize the importance of protecting our own country. I am beginning to see the 'iron curtain' slowly, but surely, descending right here in the United States. We are told the things we should not know, thereby publicizing these facts to the enemy. The things we have the right to know are denied us. Is this democracy, or dictatorship?"

Texas Bill Collectors Find Things Tough for Working People

LUBBOCK, Tex., Dec. 5.—Collection agents—the men who go around door-to-door demanding that people pay up their delinquent bills—say the public is having a tougher time financially than at any time since the last depression. The Lubbock Morning Advocate headlines the story, "Ordinary Working Man Is Losing Ground."

The paper (Nov. 9) quotes collection agents as saying that current "prosperity" just isn't, at least for the working man.

One bill collector said: "The ordinary working man making \$50 to \$60 a week isn't making a living. He's losing ground every week and it's getting worse.

"Right now, in 13 South Plains counties, we've got \$1½ million in past due accounts, most of them for less than \$100. Those are accounts the merchants have turned over to us as hopeless. And it's not that the people are deadbeats. They want to pay, but can't."

307,000 Peace Signatures in Israel

TEL AVIV, Dec. 5 (Telepress).—Three hundred and seven thousand Israeli people have already signed the Berlin Appeal for a Five-Power Peace Pact, the Israeli Peace Committee reports.

FADLING LOSES IN RACE FOR WOODWORKERS' CHIEF

PORTLAND, Ore., Dec. 5 (FP).—J. E. Fadling, president of the CIO Woodworkers since 1945, was defeated for reelection by Al F. Hartung in a union referendum. IWA spokesmen said the vote was very close.

Hartung, IWA first vice president, is a former CIO regional director and until recently was assistant director of organization for the woodworkers under an agreement with CIO.

In a move led by Fadling, the union's Denver convention in October voted to send the 10-year agreement with national CIO under which the latter appointed the union's organizing director and had charge of all organizing activity in the union.

Other top officers of the union elected for the next two years include J. E. Dicey, Laurel, Miss., first vice president; Claude Ballard, Portland, second vice presi-

H. W. Payne Dies; Was Textile Unionist

Herbert W. Payne, 49, a vice-president and one of the founders of the CIO Textile Workers Union, died here Dec. 2. Payne headed two of the union's major industry divisions—the Synthetic Yarn Division, with 35,000 members, and the Dyeing and Finishing Division, with 20,000 members.

Peace and Friendship Rally sponsored by the American Youth Peace Crusade.

To the consternation of U.S. officials in Berlin, Robeson's voice suddenly boomed out a fighting peace message over the East Berlin radio one day during the festival, and then he sang several songs of international solidarity.

One of the 66 U.S. delegates had brought a tape recording made by Robeson. When it became known, the recording was rushed to the radio station. The program was stopped and the announcer put Robeson on.

"I deeply wish I could be with you," the renowned Robeson told the world's progressive youth gathered there, "but the temporary rulers of the American government have said no. Their revocation of my passport is but part of a huge plan to try to isolate the whole American people from their true friends, the peace-loving masses of all lands."

Robeson went on to hail the fight of the youth for "peace and friendship" and declared, "your achievement must stand as a warning and a challenge to the arrogant diplomats who spend their time fanning differences into grievances, promoting conflict instead of agreement, preaching the hollow doctrine of the superiority of one group over another, planning for war instead of peace."

Robeson said he had confidence "that our young generation will play its full part in rescuing this nation from the shame and horror toward which the leaders of the trusts and the government seek blindly to lead it. . . . All hail the democratic, peace-loving youth of all the world."

Another historic message to the youth was from Mrs. Rosa Lee McGee, widow of Willie McGee who was legally lynched in Mississippi. "In my husband's name," she asked the Festival delegates, "I ask you never to stop your fight for peace until it has been won."

Present at the rally Friday night will be some of the 15 U.S. delegates who toured the Soviet Union. Among them will be Doris Mallard, daughter of Robert Mallard, the Georgia Negro who was lynched because he insisted on voting in 1948. Charles White, distinguished artist and leader of the U. S. delegation, will speak.

Of the many stories they have to tell will be one of how in Stalingrad 6,000 children put on Peace Relays in the Square of Fallen Heroes as their part in the world petition campaign for a Five Power Peace Pact.

Peace pageant will also be presented at the Riverside Plaza rally.

Our thanks to all our readers who have been writing up the facts of peace sentiment or actions for peace in their communities, and who have been sending in newspaper clippings on the same subject.

We hope our reader-reporters continue this vital service. Send us clippings, news, etc., which is helping our paper to report the big story which no other paper is telling—the breadth and depth of the peace movement in America.

GIRL ASKS CAROLINA PAPER WHY WE'RE IN KOREA WAR

WINSTON-SALEM, N.C., Dec. 5.—Why are we fighting in Korea? And what are Communists? Teen-ager Ann Boyd wrote in an earnest letter to the Winston-Salem Journal. The paper ran the letter (Nov. 22), and felt impelled to devote a whole editorial answering it, besides.

But, as young Ann Boyd and the "many others like myself" for whom she wrote must certainly feel, the Journal only exposed the bankruptcy of its shopworn anti-Communist propaganda.

For, if after years of reading that stuff, Ann Boyd asked her probing questions, certainly she couldn't be satisfied by reading the editorialist's rehearsed story that

Peace Poster Trial Dec. 13

SEATTLE, Wash., Dec. 5.—The trial of two youths for posting peace signs on utility poles has been set for Dec. 13 in police court.

The two, Lillian Potts, 21, and Michael Phillips, 19, were among a crew of four young people picked up on Roosevelt way by police early Nov. 12, the eve of Gen. MacArthur's appearance here. They were pasting up signs reading:

"Mac is back—bring our boys back now!"

CORRECTION

A typographical error in yesterday's issue listed the \$50 collection of shoe workers as from "Local 85." It was from members of Shoe Fitters, Local 65.

SELL \$1,000 OF XMAS SEALS TO REPEAL THE SMITH ACT

More than \$1000 has been gained for the \$250,000 fund to be used in defense of victims of the Smith Act through direct mail sale of Repeal the Smith Act Xmas



seals, Marion Bachrach, treasurer of the Self-Defense Committee of the 17 victims of the Smith Act announced yesterday.

"The stamps are going fast," she said, "and the thousands of people who want them should

war in Korea, where a cease-fire near the 38th Parallel is now being negotiated, came because the U. S. had to "help save the UN as the world's best hope for peace and justice" or that "Communists are people who would make the U. S. a satellite" of Russia.

Rather, reflecting dissatisfaction with just such propaganda answers Ann Boyd had written:

"I am hoping that you can give me, and so many others my age, the answer to some questions. Thus far, we can't find anyone who can really explain this.

"I think I speak for so many others like myself, who are in their late teens. Until the Korean War, I suppose we weren't bothering ourselves with newspapers and radio news broadcasts. Then, boys we had known all our lives were sent overseas, and some returned wounded or not at all.

"We are asking, 'Why?' What reason do we have to fight? To protect our country from Communists, sure. But, what are Communists? When we ask this, people look at us as if we had said something disgraceful. The papers describe Communists as Reds. I don't know what this means either.

"Maybe we're just dumb kids, but we're trying to learn. Give us a chance. Lots of kids our age are married and raising families, and others are over there dying. We're just asking a simple question that no one seems willing to answer. Maybe you of the older generation don't know either. Could that be the reason?"

remember there are only 20 days until Christmas."

The seals, attractively designed in red and green, sell for \$1 a sheet. Organizations all over the country, including Progressive Party clubs, Civil Rights chapters, ALP clubs in New York, and progressive bookstores, have bought the stamps in quantity lots of 500 and 1,000 sheets at the special price of 50 cents a sheet for quantity orders. They are used in sealing envelopes and Christmas packages, each seal bearing the message, "Dear Congressman—Make It a Happy New Year, Repeal the Smith Act."

There are 3,000 sheets available at defense headquarters, 799 Broadway, Room 642, New York 8, N. Y.

AMERICAN IN USSR REFUTES LIES IN N.Y. TIMES

By JOSEPH CLARK

MOSCOW, USSR. There's a remarkable thing in Harry Schwartz's article on Soviet living standards published in the New York Times, Oct. 19. What's positively amazing is that one-half of one sentence in the article contains a true statement: the opening sentence which starts out, "The Soviet standard of living improved markedly in recent years. . . ."

Schwartz's article is based on an alleged report by an anonymous "United States Observer." It would be impossible to take up all of their lies and keep this brief, but let's take just a dozen or so of the most blatant lies.

Schwartz says that state stores in Moscow "do not usually carry

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milk or cheese." Not only usually, but every single day of the 430 days I've been here the "bakalayas" (grocery), the dairy stores and the "gastronom" have carried cheese. There have been some days when milk was not available in the state stores. On those days you could get the milk in the Kolhoz markets.

Schwartz says the stores lack refrigeration. The big stores have big refrigerators, the big and small ones have refrigerated counters.

Schwartz says the improvement in the Soviet standard of living is attributable in large part to im-

ports from Czechoslovakia and East Germany. A real observer here will be surprised how few Czechoslovak shoes you can find in the Soviet Union and how well stocked the stores are, and how adequately shod the people are with Soviet made shoes.

True, the Soviet Union imports bananas, it imports lemons because the Caucasian crop doesn't always keep up with the enormous demand, it imports Mexican pineapple, Bulgarian red peppers and some other items. The improved Soviet standard of living, however, is due to one factor alone—in-

creased Soviet production with emphasis on consumer goods made possible by a peace not a war economy.

According to Schwartz and his secret informant, "meat—primarily sausage (is) a rare luxury available perhaps once a week to a worker's family." That's almost as fantastic as the cheese lie. The average worker's family in every industrial center, not only in Moscow, eats meat every single day and usually twice a day.

They eat sausage in the morning—and there are 90 varieties of sausage, mostly pure beef; they eat meat in their dinner soup and then a separate meat dish at dinner.

How could meat be called a

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FORD CANADA WORKERS VOTE TO CONTINUE STRIKE

By WILLIAM ALLAN

DETROIT, Dec. 5.—Canadian Ford workers on strike in Windsor voted yesterday at a rally attended by 8,000 not to return to work until 26 UAW shop leaders, fired last Monday, are reinstated. Some 8,800 are employed at the Windsor plant. The company has said some weeks ago it intends moving its plant to Toronto.

A long-awaited recommendation of an Ontario Conciliation Board that offered wages increases of 13 cents an hour was tabled by the meeting. It included an escalator clause which the Ford workers in Windsor some months ago instructed their negotiators they wanted no part of.

A year ago, the rank and file Windsor Ford workers sent UAW president Walter Reuther packing across the Detroit River when he sought to sell them an escalator clause and a five-year, no-strike, wage freeze contract that he had

just sold the American Ford workers.

The workers have since May been asking for a 21-cent an hour wage increase and an additional nine cents an hour for fringe benefits. The company has not indicated whether it will accept the Conciliation Board's offer of an eight-cent an hour increase retroactive to June 1, and tying wages to the Canadian Government's cost of living index. The latter would provide another 5 cents an hour increase to go with the 8-cent direct raise.

Because of the conciliation techniques in Canada, wage talks like this can be dragged out for eight months, with the Conciliation Board's recommendations not being binding on the company even after that. Not until this board makes its recommendations can workers in Canada take strike action.

The management in firing the 26 workers, declared they led work stoppages in the last six months. The workers have been working without a contract since last May.

Jewish Scientist, Nobel Winner, Barred from U.S.

Nobel Prize-winning biochemist Ernest B. Chaim, co-discoverer of penicillin, has been barred twice from the U. S., even though the United Nations requested his entrance the earlier of those two times. This was revealed only after it became known that he would not be able to speak at a fund-raising dinner here for Israel's Weizmann Institute of Science.

The State Department claimed the famous Jewish scientist was being kept out for "security" reasons under the McCarran Act.

Chaim pointed out: "It is of course too ludicrous for words that I, who have largely been responsible for the creation and development of one of the most prosperous branches of the pharmaceutical industry of the United States should be excluded from a visit to that country for 'security' reasons. It is a very sorry sign of these affairs in which we find ourselves at present. . . ."

BRING DEMAND TO ALBANY TO END HUGHES-BREES LAW

Special to the Daily Worker

ALBANY, Dec. 5.—Spokesmen for 100,000 trade unionists in the state today demanded of Gov. Dewey inclusion of repeal of the Hughes-Brees Law on the agenda of the special session of the Legislature. Taking the gerrymandering politicians by surprise, the delegation, headed by Esther Letz, secretary of the United Labor Action Committee, sponsoring the action, called for a "last minute" change of mind by the Governor to place the issue before the session.

A wire to Dewey said, "We will call at your office Wednesday morning for an appointment" to "present the facts."

Although the reapportionment debate monopolized the attention of the bipartisan legislators, the unionists' demands had their effect. Many Democrats agreed with the main program presented by the delegation, and others promised to meet with them and study proposals to make repeal of the Hughes-Brees Law a major issue next January when the regular session convenes.

New York City labor leaders were joined by upstate unionists, led by Michael Jimenez, of the United Electrical Union.

They agreed to sponsor a mass delegation to Albany in January of more than 1,000 unionists, to prepare a shop stewards conference in New York City and upstate later this month, to picket Republican and Democratic state and city headquarters, and to arrange lobbies and delegations to

individual legislators at their homes.

The ULAC emphasized that "the same unity of action that was shown by the CIO and AFL in opposing passage of the Hughes-Brees Law can now succeed in wiping that statute off the books."

Members of the delegation were Miss Letz; Nat Manley, business delegate of District 4, UE; Leo Green, District 65, dispatcher in the employment division; Cecil Cohen, organizer of the Furriers Joint Board; Jacob Marchion, District 3, UE; Oscar Ward, welfare director of the Fur Joint Council, and Jimenez and Leo King of the UE.

More delegates were expected hourly from the Mine, Mill and Smelter Union, United Public Workers and the Marine Cooks and Stewards.

Walter White Admits Truth of 'Genocide' Plea

Walter White, secretary of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, has admitted the U. S. is on the spot because of the charges made in "We Charge Genocide," a petition to the UN sponsored by the Civil Rights Congress on behalf of the Negro people.

"The most immediate and effective steps is for the U. S. to plead guilty to the charges," writes White in his Dec. 2 syndicated column. "After doing that,

Egypt Spurns Pact Against Soviet Union

PARIS, Dec. 5.—Egypt today turned "thumbs down" on the Washington-sponsored Middle East military alliance against the Soviet Union because, it said, there is absolutely no Soviet threat to its security. All the Arab countries, added Egyptian spokesman, Foreign Minister Salah El Din, are "very closely united" in this stand.

The Egyptian statement, which rocked to its foundation the basic stock-in-trade of the Wall Street warmakers, the myth of "Soviet aggression," was delivered by Salah El Din in an interview here.

The Egyptian statement said the pact proposed by the U. S., Britain, France and Turkey "would expose Mid-Eastern countries accepting it to a destructive war in which they have no interest."

The Egyptian minister heads his government's delegation to the six United Nations General Assembly.

Asked concerning the alleged dangers of Soviet "aggression" in the Middle East, Salah El Din said:

"The Soviet Union repeatedly has declared that they do not harbor any aggressive intentions toward the Middle East or any other area. There is nothing between the Soviets and ourselves (Egypt) which would make them attack us personally. The Middle East area is considered one of the sensitive areas in the world because of the outstanding differences between the eastern and western blocs."

He said he sees no hope for any compromise agreement which might bring the Arab states into the Middle-East arms arrangement and added that Egypt would welcome mediation only if it would lead to evacuation of British troops from the Nile valley.

The Egyptian minister pooh-poohed the idea that the Middle-Eastern pact would bring social and economic advancement to the Arab peoples.

"It may also be said that the participation in this command would expose Mid-Eastern countries accepting it to a destructive war in which they have no interest," the Egyptian minister said.

"We hear so much about assisting Middle Eastern countries socially and economically," he said, "but all we see is the enormous funds lavishly poured into Israel to the detriment of the Arab countries."

Bare McGrath's Tax-Evasion Deals in Worker

A documented expose by Art Shields of the multi-million dollar tax-evasion deals of J. Howard McGrath, the witch-hunting Attorney General, appears in The Worker this Sunday.

of violating state "sedition" laws.

STEVE NELSON AFFIDAVIT CITES JUDGE'S PREJUDICE

By JAMES H. DOLSEN

PITTSBURGH, Dec. 5.—Judge Harry M. Montgomery today ordered two court-appointed physicians to examine Steve Nelson to determine whether the Pennsylvania workingclass leader is in condition to go to trial immediately under the stress of acting as his own counsel. They are to report tomorrow. Nelson suffered serious injuries in a recent auto accident.

At the same time, however, Judge Montgomery persisted in his efforts to force Nelson into a fast trial on the framed-up charges

Among motions filed by Nelson yesterday was one demanding Judge Montgomery withdraw as trial judge on ground of prejudice against the defendant and the Communist Party, of which Nelson is Western Pennsylvania chairman.

The affidavit pointed out that the judge is an executive officer of the red-baiting Americans Battling Communism (ABC) and has been its vice chairman.

Montgomery said he would rule tomorrow on the doctors' statements and on Nelson's motions.

Bernadette Doyle Hails People's Victory

LOS ANGELES, Dec. 5.—A real victory for the people. That is the way Mary Bernadette Doyle, one of California's 15 Smith Act victims, described her release from jail without bond.

"It's just wonderful to be out," she said. "I feel as though I should go out in the street, stop every person I meet, and ask them why they aren't doing something to free the other 14. I know that they are innocent, too, and our defense will prove this."

But Miss Doyle can't do that. She is seriously ill and was bedridden in the women's jail hospital ward for four weeks before her release Thursday. So, she says, it is up to the thousands whose campaign won her freedom, to continue until all the political prisoners are granted their liberty.

Indeed, Miss Doyle's release on her own recognizance exposes the



BERNADETTE DOYLE

Justice Department's shabby hypocrisy in keeping the Smith Act defendants jailed for excessive bail of \$50,000 each, regardless of Supreme Court ruling that this violates the Bill of Rights.

Miss Doyle could have been released at any time since she was stricken by a heart attack Oct. 30. But the Justice Department said, NO. Defense motions for Miss Doyle were continually denied by Federal Judge William C. Mathes.

Dr. Marcus Crahan, jail physician, admitted her condition was serious. Yet on Wednesday, Judge Mathes arbitrarily denied fair bail for Miss Doyle and the other 14 and ordered them held for a total of \$750,000.

The people were speaking, though, with delegations and wires to the Justice Department. The prosecution retreated. And on Thursday, Judge Mathes released Miss Doyle without bail.

"My illness was only part of the reason I was released," she said today. "I'm well aware of the fact that the mass campaign and the persistence on the part of the people was the real reason for my release on my own recognizance."

Miss Doyle said the other defendants, who are still held for

\$50,000 bond, are "no different from myself. It makes me sick, just sick, to think that they are still in jail."

"They are the very finest persons I have ever known," she said. "I would take their words for anything and I am sure that thousands of people throughout the country, and particularly in their own communities, would do likewise."

She went over their names—William Schneiderman, Mrs. Loretta Starvus Stack, Al Richmond, Philip M. Connelly, Mrs. Dorothy Healey, Ernest Fox, Rude Lambert, Henry Steinberg, Mrs. Oleta Yates, Mrs. Rose Chernin, Mickie Lima, Frank Carlson, Ben Dobbs, Frank Spector—telling something of the trade union and anti-discrimination struggles in which each has engaged.

Miss Doyle said the fair bail campaign must be stepped up because "these are the most eloquent voices in the fight for peace and civil rights and justice. Their voices are much needed in the struggles of the people for peace today."

Miss Doyle thanked all of those who wrote her while she was in jail and apologized because her illness kept her from answering all the letters.

"The letters were wonderful and inspiring," she said. "I hope people will continue to write to the other 14. The letters build morale because then you know the people are with you."

Miss Doyle asked that letters to her be sent care of the California Emergency Defense Committee, 807 S. Hill St., room 515, Los Angeles 13, Calif.

32 PROMINENT AMERICANS HIT HARISIADAES PERSECUTION

Thirty-two prominent Americans have signed an open letter to attorney general J. Howard McGrath protesting deportation proceedings against Peter Harisiades, it was announced yesterday by the

American Committee for Protection of Foreign Born.

The Harisiades case came before the U. S. Supreme Court yesterday.

Signers are: W. H. Allmendinger, Victor Aramoff, Elmer A. Benson, James L. Brewer, Prof. Dark Bodde, Dr. Abraham Cronbach, Sara Bard Field, Clemens I. France, Marcus I. Goldman, Dr. Alice Hamilton, Rev. Charles A. Hill, Prof. Walter Landauer, Prof. Paul H. Laviates, Ray Lev, Prof. Oliver S. Lord, Robert M. Lovett, Dr. John Massalka, Edward L. Peet, Anton Refrigier, Dr. Bertha O. Reynolds, Prof. Robert A. Rosenbaum, Alexander Saxton, Prof. Philip L. Schenck, Prof. Vida D. Scudder, Dr. Laila Skinner, Prof. Bernard Stern, Leon Straus, Prof. Ellen R. Talbot, Dr. Harry F. Ward, Prof. Leroy Waterman, Prof. F. W. Weymouth and Prof. Rolland E. Wolfe.

Agenda Listed For Parley on Foreign Born

CHICAGO, Dec. 5. — Advance registrations for the 20th Anniversary National Conference of the American Committee for Protection of Foreign Born, to be held here Saturday and Sunday, indicates wide and enthusiastic response from trade unions, national groups and many other progressive organizations hit by the stepped-up deportation numbering 50 additional victims in the past two months, the Conference Organizing Committee announced today from its Chicago headquarters, Room 317, 431 South Dearborn St.

"All Conference sessions will be held at the UE Hall, 37 South Ashland," Harriet Barron reminded incoming delegates. Delegates from out of town arriving late Friday night or early Saturday should be at the UE Hall by 9 a. m. when registration begins.

Formal plans for speakers and panel leaders are fairly complete, the Committee stated. George Murphy, Jr. will open the Conference promptly at 10 a. m. Saturday. Keynote speakers include William Hood, recording secretary, Ford Local 600, CIO; the Rt. Rev. Arthur W. Moulton, Protestant Episcopal Bishop of Utah (retired); Ewart Guinier, chairman, New York Negro Labor Council; Prof. Louise Pettibone Smith of Wellesley College; Ralph Cuaron, Los Angeles trade union leader and officer of Asociacion Nacional Mexicana American, and Harriet Barron, administrative secretary of the American Committee for Protection of Foreign Born.

On Saturday at 2 p. m. Lillian Goodman, Saul Grossman, Lillian Doran and others will report for regional committees which recently held conferences. From 3 to 6 p. m. delegates will assemble in panels to discuss problems and a program of action with regard to national groups, trade unions, women and youth. Panel findings will be reported to a general session beginning promptly at 10 10 a. m. Sunday and all formal programmatic details in preparation for combatting the deportation drive during coming months will be resolved at the concluding session between 2 and 4 p. m.

The public is invited to a mass meeting and concert at 8 p. m. Saturday at the People's Auditorium, 2457 West Chicago Ave.

British Try to Starve Malayan Freedom Fighters

PRAGUE, Dec. 5 (Telepress). — New regulations have been introduced by the British authorities in Malaya to intensify their control over the distribution of rice, the Malayan Monitor, published in London, reports. It says the regulations are part of an attempt to starve the people and render them incapable of what in British official eyes is considered as "giving aid to the guerillas."

The new measures is referred to came into force last month have virtually placed the entire distribution and retailing of rice (the people's staple food) under government control.

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On the Way

by Abner W. Berry

Wilkins, Communist Killer, Slays a Red Dragon Again

FOR THE UMPY-UMPH time, Roy Wilkins has tilted his typewriter against the red dragon to make Black America safe for white supremacy. This time he does it for the middle class white audience in December's American Magazine with an article titled "Stalin's Greatest Defeat."

Wilkins, who functions as administrator of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, is one of the most adept of the Negro "leaders" in the art of dressing up white supremacy to look like Negro rights. He has mastered the cold war "logic" of the white supremacists who size up every protest of a colonial slave or a Negro sharecropper as a threat of Soviet invasion.

He wants to tell his overlords how happy the Negroes are in their ghettos, with high death-rates, special seats in the back of buses and streetcars, and in the dirty and dangerous jimcrow front coaches of railway trains. So he gleefully announces:

"The greatest failure of the American Communist Party has been the complete fizzle of its attempts to recruit millions of Americans into a fifth column for Stalin."

This should be great news to every Negro. It must feel great NOT to be a fifth column and to know that the Communist Party had failed to do what its spokesmen have never claimed as an objective.

BUT WILKINS did not mean this article for the Negroes; he had in mind the troubled white rulers who still can hear dinned into their ears the massed black voices demanding, "Hands off DuBois." For, make no mistake about it, the government miscalculated when it indicted Dr. W. E. B. DuBois and tried him on the charge of being a "foreign agent." The acquittal of Dr. DuBois and his associates was an admission of this miscalculation. So, for the umpty-umph time, Wilkins rode out to slay the red dragon and make the blacks safe for white supremacy once more.

The Communists, he states, have "set up special committees on Negro work, . . . the Daily Worker has given disproportionate news and editorial space to the race problem . . . their street speakers and other rabble-rousers have yelled incessantly about 'Negro rights.'"

"They seized on every police incident, every lynching, and every neighborhood brawl, blowing them up, large and small alike, into major instances of racial mistreatment."

My, oh, my, Mr. Wilkins, what awful pests these Communists were to the quick-trigger cops, the mobsters and the officials who condoned them!

BUT "CRIME" of "crimes" against Wilkins' beloved master class, one-third of which is not

yet willing to risk its political fate to the southern Negro vote, is revealed as follows in typical "big house" Negro fashion:

"Convinced that social fraternization was the secret desire of every Negro, they (Communists) went in heavily for parties and dances on an organized scale."

It is no "secret" that Negroes want equality—economic, political and SOCIAL—and Wilkins' appeal to the "would-you-want-your-daughter-to-marry-a-Negro" school of anti-Communism ill-befits an official of the largest Negro rights organization.

Wilkins gloats over the defeat of Benjamin J. Davis, the Communist leader, in the 1949 city council race in Harlem. Councilman Earl Brown won, he states, "by a vote of three-to-one." That is only partially true. In the senatorial district, yes, but the figures in the assembly districts would explode Wilkins' thesis. Davis carried the solid Negro 11th Assembly District as he did most of the Negro majority election districts.

The fight for Negro rights has failed, and will fail in the future, Wilkins eeos, because Negroes are being "benefited by wider opportunities and better treatment. . . ."

WE'VE ALL HEARD this "better treatment," "wider opportunities" stuff—and not from Negro leaders. The Dixiecrat Governor James Byrnes and Herman Talmadge have made the same claims in attempts to balk the fight for full equality.

Wilkins is not arguing against the Communist Party. He is giving arguments to white masters against the Negro people's struggle that has gone on for more than 300 years. He is arguing against those who want to do more than "protest within the Constitutional framework" (as he advises) as long as that "framework" contains laws and rulings which hold Negroes to be inferior beings.

Press Roundup

THE MIRROR says that any truce anywhere is just a diabolical Communist plot, and complains that even a temporary halt to the Korean killing is an "unorthodox" weapon of war. Why, says the Mirror, poor old Chiang wasn't booted out by a victorious people's army, he was "really conquered by use of the truce. . . ." Isn't it a shame that such brilliant reasoning will be wasted on the American people, who stubbornly continue to insist on . . . truce?

THE NEWS carries a Rome dispatch which sheds light on the real foes of the free press. The story says that Washington stooge De Gasperi and his Christian Democratic government are pressing a bill ostensibly to ban crime-filled American "comics" as harmful influence on Italian kids. The Communists agree in Parliament as to the corrupting influence of the "comics," but stood fast for press freedom, declaring: "If the government starts censoring comics for children, then where will it end? Perhaps it will end with censoring the daily news items for adults."

THE TIMES demonstrates the folly of perpetual bluster. Having variously threatened the Soviet Union with atomic pulverization and counter-revolution, it is now in the ludicrous position of warning that, either Russia sees to the return of the U. S. plane which flew over Hungary, or it gets the "ill will" of Washington. Equally feeble is the Times' effort to deride the Soviet charges that spying was the purpose behind the plane's strange journey over Hungarian skies. "Fantastic," "paranoid," and "propaganda," says the Times. But when it terms the incident a "windfall" for Soviet propaganda, as it does, it's really admitting that here in plain view is evidence that Wall Street is, in fact, plotting illegal subversion against the Soviet Union and People's Democracies, specifically through the \$100 million Mutual Security Act. For a paper which thinks the Soviet Union charges are "fantastic," the Times is oddly unsure of itself, as it pleads that the plane be released in order to avoid "worsening the international atmosphere. . . ."

THE COMPASS' I. F. Stone draws an analogy: Suppose the Soviet Union "appropriates 100,000,000 gold rubles to finance terrorist activities in North America. A Soviet plane is downed over Mexican territory carrying equipment which would be useful to terrorists operating across the border." The U. S. press, Stone says, would be "no less than Tass to jump to conclusions."

THE POST's Marquis Childs seesaws his way through a column on the alleged (Allegation No. 76,453) finish of the Communist strength in Italy. There are, Mr. Childs confesses, such small trifles as 2 million unemployed, "appalling poverty" and a failure of the Marshall Plan to make any "difference" in the Italian economy, but the one-third of Italy's voters who are Communist are that only because of a "heritage of disaffection rather than allegiance to Communist ideology." Oh, Mr. Childs! People's victories do not wait until every citizen has read the three volumes of Marx's Capital. —R. F.

AMERICAN IN USSR REFUTES 'TIMES'

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luxury when you can walk down the street into a bakery and buy a meat pie (piroszki) for 60 kopeks, or a very fancy meat pie with genuine pie crust and a good portion of beef for a ruble seventy. In the workers' neighborhoods you can see the housewives buying beef, pork, liver, lamb, veal and sausage.

I've been to workers' homes, I've seen a cook preparing a noonday meal for tractor drivers, I've been to factory canteens—always there's meat and they eat it daily.

WORKERS' HOMES

Schwartz's mysterious stranger says that "the workers' sections of Moscow form largely a slum area." An outrageous statement like that can be made only if you ignore the workers' homes of the Caliber Plant, or the Stalin Plant, or the Yava Plant, or the Ball Bearing Plant, or the Electric Lamp Plant, or all the housing projects of all the big plants in the city. In those projects workers' families live in very good two, three and four-room apartments.

True, there is still overcrowding in some quarters but the housing program in Moscow and in the rest of the USSR is far bigger than that in the U.S. even before the Korean adventure curtailed the U.S. housing program.

In Leningrad, Stalingrad, Gorky, Zaporozhe, Tbilisi, Yalta, Novorossisk, Sukhumi, Balakhna, and Pravdinsk on the Volga, I saw the same enormous housing program. They're building not only apartment houses but also one family homes with all conveniences for the workers. I visited these homes, old and new and inspected dozens and dozens of building sites.

Schwartz' nameless informant says "conditions in other cities he visited were even worse on the whole." When you actually visit these other cities, like the above

named, you're amazed to see that even those that were levelled to the ground by the Nazis are rebuilt and the workers rehoused. If anything the progress is faster than in Moscow.

AUTOS

Whether it's a big or small matter, Schwartz feels compelled to lie. He says the Pobeda car is "modeled after the German Opel." Put the two cars side by side and you'll see how stupid that allegation is. If anything, the Pobeda bears some resemblance to American type cars, but it's a very distinctive make and incidentally a most adequate car for Soviet road conditions. What Schwartz' secret informant may have confused was the Pobeda and the Moskvitch, the small Soviet model car which compares somewhat with the Opel, but which is also a different type car.

Even where Schwartz wants to show his "objectivity" by approaching the truth he's still a long way off from that elusive goal. Thus his ghost like observer counted 500 cars an hour passing by in Red Square as against 100 cars two years ago. Sure, if you pick your hour you'll get 500, but in a busy hour the figure (by actual count) will be a thousand or more cars—going one way.

EQUALITY

Schwartz and his stranger conclude with the nastiest lie, "that anti-Semitism is very widespread . . ." that there is "social isolation of Jews, discrimination in obtaining jobs. . . ."

Discrimination indeed, when the number of Jews among the last Stalin prize winners was greater than the percentage of Jews in the Soviet Union! No matter what the field, science, education, music, the theatre, industry you find that the

Jews, like people of all other national or ethnic origin, have absolute equality and that in all those fields there happens to be a much higher percentage of Jews in leading positions than their population percentage.

There were two Jewish speaking members on a Canadian labor delegation that visited the Soviet Union recently. When they inspected one of the big paper and cellulose plants on the Volga they conversed with the director of the huge enterprise in Jewish. Incidentally this director was astounded to hear that the propaganda of the west dares to charge there's anti-Semitism in the Soviet Union.

I have visited an election center, where the man in charge was Jewish. I've gone to the polyclinic where the director happens to be Jewish and to Crimean sanatorium whose director was Jewish. I've been to a winery where the director is Jewish, to big plants where chief engineers and other leading officials were Jewish, to the Bolshoi where the director of the orchestra is Jewish; I've interviewed the chief architect of Stalingrad, who happens to be Jewish, I've met Jews among the writers, musicians, actors, doctors, school principals, teachers, professors, government officials, collective farm officials, not to speak of skilled machine workers, steel workers, automobile workers, in Moscow, Stalingrad, Georgia, the Ukraine, the Crimea, etc.

I've been to lectures, dances, social affairs of all sorts and everywhere the cardinal principle of Soviet national policy is observed—complete equality of all people, absolute comradeship—no discrimination, no anti-Semitism at all.

Does anybody know from what sewer Schwartz will get his next "United States observer"?

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A-BOMB INSPECTION

THE MEN WHO REFUSE to save the U. S. A. from the threat of an atomic war are lying their heads off to alibi their anti-American position.

The people of our country are being told day and night that Russia is opposed to inspection behind her borders. Therefore, Washington won't agree to outlaw the A-bomb, slyly argue these liars. And they keep on piling up bigger and bigger stockpiles of atomic weapons. Thus, they are piling up disasters for our country and our families. History proves that men who pile up arms—and get rich doing so—always seek war to perpetuate their profits.

BUT, AT THE UN in Paris yesterday, the Big Lie about the Soviet Union opposing UN inspection inside her borders was again smashed to pieces by Soviet delegate Vishinsky.

Vishinsky was forced to speak to the press to counter the fake stories being planted about his position in the behind-the-scenes talks now going on.

Vishinsky flatly repeated the Soviet offer to establish worldwide inspection, inside the USSR as well, to make sure that the ban on atomic weapons is carried out by all. (N.Y. Times Dec. 5.)

But the Washington stall is that we won't outlaw atomic weapons until we count them through an endless "census" which would not take place until long after there had been a "census" of regular arms satisfactory to the State Department—which could stall forever by saying it was not "satisfied."

Vishinsky asks the common-sense question — why count the A-bombs if we don't outlaw them at the same time? Counting them won't remove the threat of atomic death from a single American or Russian home. But outlawing them will be a blessing to humanity.

STALIN MADE US A CLEAR offer on Oct. 6, 1951: "The Soviet Union stands for a system of the establishment of international control to ensure that the decision to prohibit atomic weapons, to discontinue the production of atomic weapons, and to utilize the atomic bombs already produced exclusively for civilian purposes, is strictly observed. It is for such international control that the Soviet Union stands."

Could it be any plainer or more sensible?

The liars are trying to keep from us the Soviet offer to rid humanity of all fears of atomic massacre. But every patriotic American, regardless of his politics, owes it to his family and his country to speak out for the outlawing of atomic weapons, for American-Soviet inspection as offered, for a No-War pact among the Big Five powers.

REDBAITERS AND GRAFTERS

SCRATCH A REDBAITER, and you'll find a crook.

The smell of graft coming from the Washington cliques who framed the Communist leaders into jail under the "thought control" Smith Act is getting very strong indeed.

Guess who helped frame Carl Marzani, Harold Christofel, and other labor-progressive leaders? Why it is none other than T. Lamar Caudle whose wife gets under-price mink coats from gents having income tax trouble. He is the same super-patriotic Mr. Caudle who has just been accused, along with his pals, by a Chicago business man of trying to shake him down for a \$500,000 bribe on income tax matters.

Supreme Court witchhunter Tom Clark appointed Caudle when both were "saving America from Communism" by spitting on the Bill of Rights and the U.S. Constitution at the Foley Square frameup. That other professional enemy of the Bill of Rights and the right to bail—U.S. Attorney McGrath—has run up a departmental record of notorious inactivity in cases of alleged income tax frauds.

THE FULL STORY of this "Texas-Missouri Gang" of thought-controllers and witchhunters, when it is told may well rival the notorious "Ohio Gang" of the GOP Harding Administration. The "crusade against Communism" is a 60 billion dollar a year pork barrel. How easily it can be tapped by enthusiastic gents keeping America busy with fake "emergencies" and forgeries about "subversives."

McGrath has forfeited his right to hold his job—no less by his outrageous defiance of the Constitution in the frameup of Communists than in his bosomy relations with fixers like Caudle.

MILK-FED HOG



A Better World

by Elizabeth Gurley Flynn

Salute to the Imprisoned Communist Leaders

THEIR PRISON SENTENCES began July 2, 1951. Remember? Here it is December. Six months have nearly gone by. How fast the time has passed outside. You said it to yourself often. As if it were yesterday, there was hot Summer-time-meetings, children going to camp, trips to beaches, walking in the park, buying ice cream and newspapers at the corner store, talking to neighbors on the steps and porches, listening to the radio and the eager children at the breakfast table. Days went by like a kaleidoscopic dream.

Now it is December.

How fleet are the feet of time when you do not slowly count the hours, the days, the weeks, the months, nor measure them against the yardstick of a prison sentence.

Six months is a long time in prison. As a poet once wrote: "Every day is like a year, a year whose days are long!" Time walks on feet of lead inside the dark stone walls of a prison.

Six months they will soon have been there. How many times they count it—one half of a year, one tenth of 60 months, one tenth of five years, a part of a lifetime. What has their life been like in a prison? The movies' version are a pale shadow. You know that they are well paid actors, glorifying or exaggerating, without truth or substance, never with the real feelings of suffering human beings.

Today eight leaders of the Communist Party of the U. S. A., known throughout the world, are scattered through this country in Federal penitentiaries. Some prisons are called "good," some "fair," some "bad." It is well always to remember, regardless of relativity, there is no such thing as "a good prison." This is a factual statement.

Freedom is limited in the outside world by the capitalist system under which we live. In prison it is completely denied. One's getting up and going to bed, one's eating, exercise, talking, reading, writing, working, one's mail both incoming and outgoing and one's visitors, are all strictly regulated and supervised. There is no privacy, day

or night. All normal expressions of human living are denied or thwarted. This is the life of all prisoners.

BUT EVEN more rigid and rigorous is the constant supervision of the Communist leaders, a strange new type of prisoner to these penal institutions. For their "crime" is of ideas, its "evidence" the intangibles of the human mind. It can neither be tried in a court nor locked up in a prison, as centuries of human history have demonstrated. It confounds and confuses prison authorities in 1951 to try to confine political "heresy." "The eternal spirit of the chainless mind" is beyond their comprehension. They cannot understand the serene confidence of these Communist leaders, why in spite of everything done in a prison they cannot touch their personalities, nor dim the unconquerable spirit of these imprisoned members of the National Committee of the Communist Party.

But does the strength, the courage and endurance of these prisoners absolve us, their friends and comrades outside, from our responsibilities to secure their freedom? What have you done, what have we all done, to secure their release—the repeal of the Smith Act, the end of further arrests, during the long months they have passed inside prison walls? Not enough to cause a real movement to take shape as yet, nor to create real concern on the political scene.

Are we settling down to live with this state of affairs, as the German people slowly learned to live with Nazism? The men in prison, who read with microscopic care whatever papers they get, see signs of change beginning in our land. They are not of faint heart but full of

hope. They look to us for action—to mobilize the growing alarm of the American people over the attacks on the Bill of Rights and the danger of war. They are confident it can be done.

LIFE WENT ON as usual during the past six months for many who read these words, though not for all of us. Before the first victims of the thought-control Smith Act went to prison, more of us were arrested, after the Supreme Court gave the green light to reaction. Our fate and theirs are bound together. But even in the midst of preparation for a trial and a campaign against the Smith Act, I renew what I have written so many times in the last three years since their arrest—an emphatic reminder that the fight to secure their liberation is the heart of the struggle.

I think of all of them, my very closest associates and dearest comrades, in a very warm and affectionate way. Their absence is a grievous loss to the Communist Party, to which they have given sterling leadership, in the fight for peace, for labor, for Negro rights. It is a personal loss, to all of us who worked closely with them. It is especially hard for their wives and children.

I think of Gene Dennis not only at the long table in our Board room, but how he feels to be away from "little Genie" (quite a substantial lad!) on his approaching 9th birthday. And of Carl Winter, walking hand in hand with his grave-eyed little daughter, Michele. And of Gus Hall rocking little Alvo in their favorite big chair in their Cleveland home, and Johnny Williamson with his intelligent serious Bobby and the irrepressible Neal.

It's a long time for these children till 1956. They want their fathers home now. They have a right to have them back. This is not sentimental. It is a human appeal to thousands of other Americans, who do not relish being snatched from their families because they think, nor thrown in a cell because they are not ready to go to war, use atom bombs, and scrap democracy in the process.

Our country is disgraced before the world by the present atmosphere of Salem witchcraft days. World opinion increasingly condemns the imprisonment of the Communist leaders in the U. S. A. Not a day should pass that we do not think of them, fight for them, hasten their release. No acceptance of injustice no accommodation to tyranny!

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OUR MAILMAN WILL TELL US

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ids and two from Detroit. Readers in both these cities were going great guns for a while, but have slowed up as they began to approach their respective goals of \$2,000 and \$1,000.

From Berwyn, Pa., comes \$20, while three readers in Cleveland send \$5 each, or a total of \$15 from that city. Both Ohio readers and those in Eastern Pennsylvania are still far from their projected goals of \$1,000 and \$1,500, respectively.

From Boston comes two fives, one from the wife of Boone Schirmer, whose writings have often appeared in *The Worker*. Peggy Schirmer writes that "this is one of the first and foremost

We have been hearing from the youth in answer to our plea for funds.

"I a boy of 10," writes one. "My father sent \$10 and I am sending you two weeks allowance, which is \$1. I like to read Ted Tinsley's column. I never heard so much humor together with the truth. In one of your issues I read a column called the 'problem.' Please print more 'problems.' I also like Ellis' pic-

tures. I actually like the whole paper."

And Ruth and Jean send five dollars with the note it was given to them by their grandmother for Chanukah, the holiday celebrated by the Jews in a few weeks. "We think the best present we can have is a paper which carries on the spirit of the Maccabees, and fights oppression and reaction," they write.

Christmas presents," and, when she asked the kids if they agreed, they said: "Sure—and it's really a present from us, too; it will help the paper get bigger and then maybe we can have a children's page."

FROM NEW YORK CITY comes \$50 from a group of Garment Workers, Local 66 of the ILCWU; \$35 from a Communist Party Section in the Moshulu area of the Bronx; \$17 from a group of Italian-American readers in Queens; \$15 from a Chelsea Freedom of the Press group which had already turned in well over \$100 and with a note which says, "Chelsea loves our paper. . . . We must never fail you as you have never failed us." There is also \$11 from a Canarsie group, which turned in \$35 in two previous contributions, and many others.

Two members of the National Freedom of the Press Committee also turned in funds collected from friends. Adele Vincent, fur worker, contributed \$20 collected from fellow furriers; and Ben Field, novelist, sent along \$12 from a group of Brooklyn friends.

Charge Plot to Block Union's Sale of Crabs

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 6 (FP).—Union sale of fresh crab to the public at prices they can afford has run into a "snag of conspiracy," Jeff Kilbre, secretary of the Fisheries Division, International Longshoremen's & Warehousemen's Union, charged here.

Kilbre made his charge after John Pastorino, secretary of ILWU Local 34, was arrested on a complaint by a fish and game warden that he had allowed fish to spoil.

Pastorino's local is sponsoring a cooperative which sells crab to the public through regular dealer outlets at 25 cents a pound live and 30 cents a pound cooked, the lowest price in many years.

Extend Alcoa Pact to Jan. 31

PITTSBURGH, Dec. 6 (FP).—Negotiators for the United Steelworkers (CIO) met with representatives of the Aluminum Co. of America here and agreed to extend the contract until Jan. 31. The agreement was due to expire Nov. 30. Alcoa employs about 20,000 steel union members in nine plants scattered about the U.S.

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as the time to end "Operation Killer" and restore our country to its true heritage of peace and brotherhood.

Rev. McMichael invoked the great mainstreams of American history, with its "three abolition movements—in the 18th century the abolition of feudal tyranny from abroad; in the 18th century, an abolition movement I am especially proud of as a Southerner, the abolition of human slavery . . . and now in the 20th century the people of this country can lead in the final abolition of war!"

There were tears in the eyes of many of the delegates, of whom at least half were women, as Rev. McMichael said, "We look at our little children. What greater responsibility do we have than to decide how they will grow up, what they will be doing next year and in years to come . . . cringing under tables, wearing dog tags around their necks, or playing erect in the sunshine with other children all over the world."

WOMEN'S ACTIVITIES

Miss Halois Moorehead, executive secretary of American Women for Peace, related countless examples of fearless and growing peace activities reported by women throughout the land, hailed the quashing of the frameup indictment of Dr. W. E. B. DuBois as "ending, as far as the legalities are concerned, the attempt to shut people up by making peace a foreign agent."

"Speaking up against the atrocities in Korea as growingly revealed by the factual report of an international woman's commission, she commented bitterly on the irony of "Clothing for Korea" posters now being hung in low cost housing areas.

"First they bomb, kill and maim them and make them homeless," Miss Moorehead said. "And then they ask for clothes for them. The best gift we can give the people of Korea is to win real peace."

"Women are in the forefront of the fight for peace. Women must make their voices heard in the Union Square rally."

Thomas Richardson, executive co-director of the American Peace Crusade, warned against premature relaxation of peace pressure such as happened with the news of the first negotiations in Korea.

Citing an example of how the peoples' sentiment could decide events, he quoted Paul Robeson as having pointed that "General Mark Clark is not in the Vatican today. He is still in Washington," and recalled that the great Stockholm Peace Campaign DID win a great victory, for the atom bomb has not been dropped.

"The whole country," he concluded, "can ring at Christmas time with the words—peace through negotiations!"

The meeting concluded with a vivid presentation of organizational details and ideas on the Christmas peace card drive.

(Further articles in the paper will deal with the specific planning and angles suggested by neighborhood peace groups.)

Bendiner to Speak On Latin America

Elmer Bendiner, associate editor of the National Guardian, progressive newsweekly, will lecture on "What's Happening in Latin America," at Teachers Center, 206 W. 15 St., Sunday at 8 p.m. The lecture will be under the auspices of the Latin American Research Bureau, publishers of the monthly review, *Latin American Facts*.

Bendiner has just returned from several months travel in Guatemala and Mexico. His special articles on Latin America are now appearing in the *National Guardian*.

Frank Lopez, guitarist and singer, will entertain. Social dancing and refreshments will round out the program.

Phony FEPC

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of the weakness and lack of enforcement powers in the order."

Guinier said the President's action was a "feeble attempt to meet the program worked out six weeks ago in Cincinnati six weeks ago by 850 Negro and 250 white workers for a national campaign for a genuine FEPC."

JIMCROW RECORD

The Negro labor leader, observing that the President's committee will have as members the heads of the Defense Department, Atomic Energy Commission, General Service Administration, Labor Department and Defense Material Procurement Agency, pointed out examples of jimcrow now countenanced by these men. The General Service Administration, he said, was "a speed-up agency" containing all the janitorial services of the federal government. In this agency most of the workers are Negroes and nearly all the supervisors are white.

Among the civilian maintenance employees—carpenters, painters, plumbers and electricians—hired by the Defense Department, Guinier charged, "it is just about impossible to find a Negro; yet the President has charged the head of this department with the task of uprooting jimcrow."

Guinier said that there were some 350,000 civilian workers in the Defense Department, but that less than 10 percent of them were Negroes, whereas, during World War II, Negroes comprised 16 percent. Just about all of the Negro clerical workers, he said, were in the lowest category of file clerks.

"The President issued an Executive Order for the 1948 elections affecting job discrimination in all government agencies," Guinier pointed out. "But, after having won a two-year fight by our union to have Negro veterans declared eligible for printers' apprentices in the Bureau of Printing and Engraving, department heads have now vetoed the victory by granting shorter apprenticeship periods to whites." This departmental device, he said, "has robbed 35 Negro workers of jobs paying \$25 a day turning out United States legal tender."

"We have got nothing from the Truman Order of 1948," Guinier concluded, "and we will get even less from the one issued for the 1952 elections unless the Negro Labor Councils and the labor movement generally joins in a militant mass fight for a genuine Fair Employment Practices Commission—with teeth."



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Korean

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lines and hinting at even larger actions to come.

Although the Korean-Chinese proposal made it clear that the neutral observers would be unbossed and bound only by the terms of an armistice agreement, Ridgway continued to play his cynical game of "20 questions" at Panmunjom.

Having met every recent Korean offer with "questions" designed to delay agreement, Ridgway's aides yesterday posed such questions as: "Who will head the inspecting teams? Where exactly will the inspections be held? and other matters more properly a matter for discussion after agreement on the neutral observers."

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U.S. Unionists Take a Look At Europe—East and West

Ted Tinsley Says

X MARKS THE SPOT

A Father Leopold Braun, writing in the Times magazine section on religion in the Soviet Union, remarked on "the terrific success of Hitler's policy of reopening churches in occupied areas."

O, for the good old days, and the good old sermons that must have been preached in Nazi-occupied areas! Of course, I missed any reference to the number of Jewish places of worship which the Nazis opened, but perhaps I read too fast. Or maybe Father Braun didn't count.

Following Father Braun came Father X and Father Y, two gentlemen who have concealed their identity by having themselves photographed with hoods over their faces. According to the Herald Tribune, they told an eager press that in the Soviet Union "one system of fostering belief in children . . . was to have them pray to Stalin and then throw open a door beyond which was a nurse with candy and cookies. Then, he added, the children are told that Stalin has answered their prayers."

This means that you have to have a nurse and a bag of candy with every prayer. No nation could stand the economic strain!

Unfortunately for Fathers X and Y, this drivel is awfully stale. It's the old "conditioned-reflex" nonsense that every anti-Soviet pro has tried once or twice. Huxley, I believe, started it off, and

then Koestler picked it up for the "war we drool for" issue of Collier's. Fathers X and Y have made no improvement.

After that statement you begin to realize why they really wore masks. Would you talk like that in public and show your face at the same time?

Father X is a "spiritual" leader who always seemed to get in trouble when he lost contact with the Nazis. In 1940, for instance, he fled "across the border into the German-occupied portion of the Ukraine." There he found peace and happiness, and he moved joyfully along, caroling hosannas, wherever the Nazis Army went. There is no record that Father X got into any trouble from 1940 to 1944 when he was under the tender care of assorted gauleiters.

Incidentally, Father X records that he made his first escape to the haven of Hitler while "disguised as a bum."

No comment.

And where was Father Y all this time? Come on, fellows, don't you know your alphabet? Doesn't Y always follow X? Sure. Father Y was sunning himself in Nazi-occupied Poland where nothing in the atmosphere seemed to disturb his spiritual meditations.

Take off the masks and tell us about the nurses and the candy again. We really liked that one. It's almost as good as Milton Berle.

U. S. LABOR LOOKS AT EUROPE. 40 pp. 5 cents. A YANKEE TOOLMAKER ABROAD. 30 pp. 5 cents. Published by American Committee to Survey Labor Conditions in Europe. 1265 Broadway, New York.

The report by the Negro and white trade unionists who took their own look at conditions in France, Italy, Poland and the Soviet Union, is now available in pamphlet form. Issued under the title U. S. Labor Looks at Europe by the American Committee to Survey Labor Conditions in Europe, the pamphlet should be sure-fire with thousands of American workers. Because in it, American workers who talk their language, with no other axe to grind than their desire for peace and a better life for working people everywhere, tell the straightforward story of what they saw abroad. They tell how the Marshall Plan has helped to grind West European workers deeper into poverty. And, on the basis of the hundreds of Soviet workers they spoke to—freely and openly—and the factories, homes, parks, rest centers, theatres, schools, etc., they saw, they give an eyewitness picture of a thriving society, supported by its citizens, interested not in war but in peaceful progress.

A Yankee Toolmaker Abroad, a companion booklet published by the committee, is Philip LeFavour's own story of his tour of Europe as a member of another U. S. labor delegation. President of Local 271, United Electrical Workers and a toolmaker at the United Shoe Machinery Corp.

An American Legionnaire and U. S. Navy war vet, LeFavour visited France, Czechoslovakia and the Soviet Union. Of the latter he writes: "These people have an even greater understanding of the need for peace than was expressed by the French people we met. To them war not only means mass murder and destruction and chaos in the country but it would also mean the arrest of the progress of their country and society. They have their sights set on a brighter future; they do not have a certain segment of their population who profit and make millions of dollars from war."

Ariz. Flouts Bias Law

TUCSON, Ariz., Dec. 5.—The State Supreme Court's decision of last year to bar segregation of Mexican children in Arizona school, is being flouted on a statewide scale, the Alianza Hispano-American society charged here.

magnates for their interminable conspiring against the Soviet Union.

But Simonov does not address these reminders to Priestley himself. For him, the English writer whose books were once widely read in the Soviet Union and whose plays were more popular on the Soviet stage than on London's, no longer exists and the article he writes in the Literary Gazette is cast in the form of a funeral oration. Enough has been said for every honorable man to discard any illusions he may have had about the former writer Priestley, Simonov concludes.

Simonov Raps Priestley for Warmongering

By RALPH PARKER

MOSCOW (Telepress). — In a scorching attack on J. B. Priestley for his participation in Collier's notorious warmongering October issue, Konstantin Simonov, prominent member of the Union of Soviet Writers, writes that the Briton's contribution marks the end of his career as a gifted writer.

The fact that Priestley depicted himself as an observer who only appears on the scene after Moscow has been atomized by others, does not excuse him, Simonov writes. All decent people would know what to think of "this neatly dressed cannibal in white gloves."

In writing for Collier's Priestley had participated in the collective work of writers who, contrary to the usual highly individualistic behavior, had been attracted by high fees to indulge in the pleasure of wiping out the land of Socialism, if only on paper, Simonov says.

Priestley must bear full responsibility for his share in the collective work. His article is marked by no less hatred of the Soviet people than the others. It showed too, in an astonishing way how quickly a writer can lose his intelligence and talents when he sells his pen.

Finally, Simonov recalls that Priestley once described the Soviet writers as the "world's conscience" and praised Soviet socialism when he condemned industrial

on the scoreboard

by lester rodney

Letter from 'Sporting News' and Reply

WE HAVE RECEIVED the following letter from Charles C. Spink, vice president of "The Sporting News," the country's foremost sports publication:

Dear Mr. Rodney:

We noted the reference you made to the letter that Johnny Bright wrote to The Sporting News—it is a shame that you couldn't have also pointed out that Johnny Bright also said:

"But bigger than any pain is something I've known for quite while. That America has a wonderful sense of fair play. Last year, INS named me a first All-American. Those words mean a lot to me. For what America really stands for means a lot to Johnny Bright."

Sincerely yours,
CHARLES C. SPINK

Here is the item we ran to which Mr. Spink refers, from the Nov. 23rd Scoreboard:

JOHNNY BRIGHT, Drake star who was deliberately slugged down at Oklahoma A&M, washing his football career up with a broken jaw, sent a letter to "Sporting News" last week after reading that weekly's editorial condemnation of the slugger, his coach, and the inaction of the Missouri Valley Conference.

Wrote Bright, in part:

"I appreciate your editorial very much . . . I surely wish the Oklahoma A&M incident had never happened. As a squad we felt we were on our way to an undefeated football season. . . . The letters I have received from all over the country show that many people are for fair play, regardless of your race, creed or color. Included among these are letters from Stillwater, Okla., to prove even where the incident occurred, people deplore unfair tactics."

AS MENTIONED in the original article here, I quoted only in part from Bright's full letter to the Sporting News. I thought I had extracted the most informative parts of the letter, but it could well be that with more thought I should have included the excerpts sent along by Mr. Spink.

In any case, we are happy to make the addition now. We think they are splendid words by Bright, stating the fact that this America of ours "has a wonderful sense of fair play," that the overwhelming majority of our people, when they bring their sentiments to bear, register them for real democracy as did the baseball fans in overriding the magnates' powerful jimcrow ban.

"For what America really stands for means a lot to Johnny Bright." What America REALLY stands for, wrote Bright. It is a sentence that speaks volume. If it means anything it means that America, the people, do not "stand for" for such things as happened in Stillwater with official blessings by college authorities, for such things as happened in Florida where two framed prisoners handcuffed together were shot down in cold blood by a racist sheriff who goes unpunished. America to him is not Wilbanks Smith or Coach Whitworth or the president of Oklahoma A&M or congressmen like Rankin, or jimcrow seats in buses or racist laws.

He is a thousand times right, and the good words "All American" will yet take on their full true meaning because he is right.

The vigorous and honest treatment of the case by Sporting News, reflecting as it must the sentiments of its readers, the sports fans in all parts of the land, showed some of that "wonderful sense of fair play" of which Johnny Bright wrote, and certainly made a contribution toward realization of "what America really stands for."

AND BEFORE GETTING off the subject, here's a nice little note from Mt. Vernon, Iowa. The faculty of Cornell College of Iowa has voted to cancel a scheduled wrestling match with Oklahoma A&M Feb. 23 "in recognition of the fact that as yet no disciplinary action has been taken either by Oklahoma A&M or the Missouri Valley Conference regarding the Bright incident."

Touching on Many Sports Topics

FOR WHAT IT'S worth, the latest rumor has the Dodgers offering Duke Snider, Carl Furillo and cash to St. Louis for Stan the Man. The Cards would keep Snider, who hits hard in Sportsman's Park, and send Furillo along to the Giants for Eddie Stankov, whom they want as manager. With Musial and Pafko in the outfield, the Dodgers figure they could "scrape along" in the third spot with either Don Thompson, on whom Buvasi is still very high, or Cal Abrams. . . . Another, more likely story is simply a trade with Cincinnati for righthander Howie Fox, with Abrams and a second line infielder going to the Reds. They want Bridges, Brooklyn would rather give 'em Morgan.

ST. JOHNS makes its Garden bow tonight against Brigham Young, which has lost its two aces, Hutchins and Minson, but still has plenty with Richey, Romney and Christenson, enough to give a good quick test to the Brooklyn Redmen's pretensions. We'll record our impressions. St. Johns goes with the top trio of last year, Zawoluk, McGilvray and McMahon, plus sophs Jim Davis, a 6-5 husky and Solly Walker, 6-3 star from Boys High and the school's first Negro player. Sounds like quite a lineup.

What's happening to Texas? Times have changed. The Texas Christian team which plays Manhattan in the Garden curtain raiser has only a 6-7 center and a 6-3 forward in its starting lineup to pit against the New Yorkers' 6-8 Kellog and 6-5 King. And TCU guard John Ethridge, at 5-8, will be far and away the smallest man on the floor. Incidentally, TCU has a veteran team favored to duplicate its football team's championship.

The Herald Tribune's Red Smith, very much upset over the charges of dirty Dartmouth football made by Princeton players in the Daily "Princetonian," writes:

"This is a serious charge against any man responsible for the training of youth, one that should be made only by the most responsible of authorities. Made against a gentleman of Tuss McLaughry's peerless integrity, it is downright disgraceful."

That last sentence sounds like a bit of Smith's delightful satire, but the man really means it. At the basketball lunch the other day radio man Bud Palmer, ex-Princetonian, who saw the game, told me: "I hate to see a player deliberately hit somebody who is out of bounds already, with the play over. That's not football."

What "responsible authorities" does Smith have in mind? The authorities of the Missouri Valley Conference?

Nadyne Brewer Sings Sunday



NADYNE BREWER

Nadyne Brewer, young Negro mezzo-soprano who has won acclaim from music critics throughout the country, will appear in a recital of classical and folk songs at the Jefferson School of Social Science, 16th St. and Sixth Ave., on Sunday at 3 p.m.

Miss Brewer is a graduate of the University of Kansas School of Fine Arts and has given recitals in Chicago, Detroit, several cities in Kansas, and New York. She was guest artist at the National Convention of Negro Musicians in Chicago and also at the Chicago Peace Festival last June.

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Rush Gerrymander Through in Albany

By MICHAEL SINGER

ALBANY, Dec. 5.—With no member of either party protesting the jimcrow gerrymandering fate of hundreds of thousands of Negroes, the State Legislature in special session today adopted two reapportionment bills unheard of in disregard of equal representation in Congress. The GOP majority not only passed the original bill but even jammed through the fantastic "stringbean" redistricting measure sponsored by Brooklyn Republican leader John R. Crews to create a "safe" area in Brooklyn.

The bill was signed by Gov. Dewey 20 minutes after the Senate, by 31 to 22, and the Assembly, by 83 to 63, rushed it through.

The Crews district, a narrow

path zig-zagging from the Brooklyn Heights area clear through 10 separate and non-contiguous areas to the southeast corner of Marine Park, was such a monstrosity that even Pliny Williamson, Westchester GOP chairman of the committee of reapportionment, said he doubted its constitutionality.

A GOP closed-door caucus agreed on the Crews amendment.

Democratic speakers, whose own redistricting bill was, in many respects, even worse than the GOP bill, attacked the majority gerrymandering proposals as "unclean and unsavory."

Assembly minority leader Irwin Steingut said, "There isn't any doubt we will challenge the measure in the courts."

The GOP bill replaces 45 districts by 43 by taking two from Democratic Manhattan and Brooklyn, attaching an extra Congressional district to Republican Nassau and reshuffling a district from the southern tier area upstate.

New York City will get 22 Congress seats while upstate districts, with 953,622 fewer population, will receive 21.

The Democrats, whose gerrymandering hit at the 18th C. D., where former Rep. Vito Marcantonio is expected to fight to regain his seat, proposed a bill with 22½ New York City Congressmen and 20½ from upstate. The halves are produced by attaching part of one county to another to "share" a representative.

Under the adopted reapportionment bill the 18 C. D. remains fairly much as it was when gerrymandered in 1944.

Average Congressional districts in New York City will have populations of 358,725 while upstate will average 330,392.

Democratic Rockaway is torn

from Queens and affixed to Brownsville.

Staten Island will be part of Bay Ridge.

High-income Riverdale and Fieldston areas in the Bronx are made into a new 25th District.

The 300,000 Bedford-Stuyvesant Negro citizens continue to be gerrymandered into four districts.

The effect of ALP demands for a hearing was seen in statements on the floor from minority leader Sen. Elmer Quinn who asked for a recess of one week so that "hearings can be held."

Sen. Fred. Moritt, said the "brazenness of the Republican Party in never calling a public hearing stinks to high heavens."

The Communist Party's protest (see part of text in adjoining column) was passed from hand to hand in Steingut's office and Republican leaders, asked by this writer for comment, said they found it "interesting."

ALP state executive secretary Arthur Schutler and Brooklyn ALP leader Paul Trilling spent two hectic days here pressing legislators to support their appeal to Gov. Dewey for a hearing.

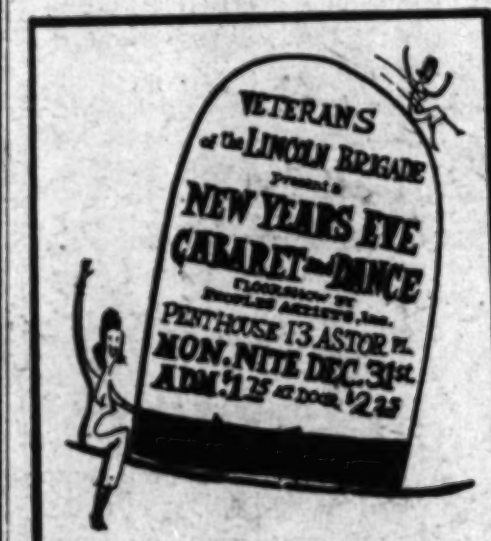
Many Brooklyn legislators were impressed by Trilling's display of ALP redistricting versions accompanied by large-scale maps.

School Board Acts Today On Witchhunt

The Board of Education is expected to act this afternoon on a resolution to okay a wholesale witchhunt in the public school system.

Resentment against the resolution has stirred many parent groups throughout the city.

The delegates assembly of the United Parents Association on Monday night voted to modify a Board of Education resolution which prohibits use of public schools or grounds to so-called "subversive" groups.



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Communists' Wire to Dewey

Following is part of the text of the wire sent to Gov. Dewey by the New York Communist Party protesting the "rotten borough" reapportionment plan:

"Congressional re-districting plan scheduled to be steamrollered through legislature perpetuates generations-old Republican rotten borough system in our state. It violates all fundamental precepts of fair representation."

"The Dewey gerrymander plan continues the ancient robbery of New York City voters. It forces 374,000 voters into one Rockaway-Brownsville district in New York City, while setting up neighboring Nassau-Suffolk districts of 316,000. Some up-state districts have about 300,000 voters."

"Particular craftiness was used throughout to break up concentrations of independent-minded voters. Thus, Brooklyn with its large industrial and progressive population, has been hacked up in a deliberate effort to obtain another Republican Congressman. Levittown, a New York suburb which has shown considerable voting independence, has been distributed among three congressional districts."

"Most outrageous is the studied effort to deprive the Negro people of the possibility of electing an additional Congressman. Nowhere in the plan is there any recognition of the special problems and discrimination suffered by the Negro people and their intense and legitimate demand for increased representation on every level of government."

"The Communist Party calls upon you to recess the scheduled special session until full public hearings are held on the bill."

"During such hearings the Communist Party will seek the opportunity to make proposals for an equitable reapportionment which will guarantee a fair break for city workers and the Negro people. It will also advance its proposals for a legislative reapportionment that will guarantee the ending of the present lily-white state Senate and an increase in the opportunity for electing Negro and Puerto Rican Assemblymen."

"New York Communist Party, Simon W. Gerson, legislative chairman."

"George Blake Charney, labor secretary."

Berry to Speak On Housing Bias

The battle against discrimination in housing will be discussed tomorrow (Friday) night by Abner Berry, Negro Affairs editor of the Daily Worker, at a meeting of the Manhattan Freedom of the Press Association at the Second Central Community Baptist Church, 81 W. 98 St.

The Manhattan area, around Columbus Ave. and 100 St., is facing demolition to make way for a swank housing development.

UAW Board Calls Washington Meet On Unemployment

DETROIT, Dec. 5.—The executive board of the CIO United Automobile Workers will hold a national conference of local representatives in Washington on unemployment when Congress reconvenes for its 1952 session.

The union estimates that about 800 of the union's locals will send representatives. The conference will ask members of Congress to tell the delegates what they plan to do about the spreading mass layoffs and unemployment among auto workers.

The date for the conference has not been set.

Reception Sunday For Charles White

Tribute to Charles White, Negro artist, will be paid at a reception sponsored by the Jefferson School and Masses & Mainstream this Sunday at 8 p.m.

Gwendolyn Bennett, Louis Burnham, Lloyd Brown, Hugo Gelelt, Aaron Goodelman, Herbert Kruckman, Sidney Finkelstein, Milton Howard, V. J. Jerome, Herbert Aptheker and others will participate.

White, recently returned from a trip to the Soviet Union and the People's Democracies. He will speak on "Art in the New Europe."

Admission, including refreshments is \$1 (50c for Jefferson School students).

New Brunswick Xmas Dance Friday

NEW BRUNSWICK, N. J., Dec. 5.—A "Merry Christmas Dance" to raise funds to enable jailed victims of jimcrow justice and their families to have some holiday cheer will be held Friday evening at the Elks Home, 150 Baldwin St. New Brunswick, under the auspices of the Middlesex County Civil Rights committee. Music will be furnished by George Jackson and his Melodic Five, and Juanita Griffin will sing.

Admission to the dance is \$1.25 at the door; \$1 in advance. Tickets may be obtained from Joseph Welch, 99 Talmadge St. New Brunswick, chairman of the local committee.

'Freedom Road'

MOSCOW.—A stage version of 'Freedom Road,' novel of Negro struggle by Howard Fast, is playing at the Dramatic Theatre. Produced by People's Artists, Nikolai Okhlopov, it is one of the new plays staged at Moscow's theaters in honor of the 34th anniversary of the Great October Revolution.



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We said yesterday that if 5,000 New Yorkers put a dollar or more in the mails at once, we will be over with our \$25,000 fund plea and supporters of the paper in this state will have hit their goal of \$15,000. Can't tell until today's mail what your answer will be. But would suggest if you have not yet acted, send your bill (or bills) today to:

P.O. Box 136, Cooper Station, New York City.

From a group of readers in the farm belt state of North Dakota came \$35 yesterday and good luck to our campaign, while another North Dakotan, in Williston, sends another dollar added to five previously sent. Total for readers from that state is now something over \$50, and we expect more is coming.

THE COMMUNIST PARTY of Maryland-District of Columbia, whose leaders have been indicted under the pro-fascist Smith Act, sends us \$50 with a fine letter signed by Chairman George Meyers and Roy Wood, Chairman of the D.C. area, both of them among the five leaders arrested there recently and facing trial.

"The columns of The Worker and Daily Worker provide invaluable ammunition for many patriotic Americans who are determined to prevent Wall Street from launching a world-wide atomic war with its world-wide millions of millions of people piled in death," the letter declares.

It states that our paper is needed, too, by the American trade union movement to break the wage freeze and win pay increases needed to meet rising living costs and taxes; to protect the unions from repressive Taft-Hartley, McCarran and Smith Act legislation; to continue our "proud and consistent fight for the rights of the Negro people"; to champion the fight for democratic rights.

The contribution raises to about \$250 the amount received from the Baltimore and D.C. areas.

From upstate New York come fivers from Rochester and Buffalo, six dollars from two friends in Schenectady, and a ten-spot from Orangeburg.

ONE CHICAGOAN sends a five dollar contribution, and another \$3. And from Michigan comes ten dollars from Grand Rapids. (Continued on Page 6)

Blast Truman's Phony Order on Jimcrow

By ABNER W. BERRY

Labor leaders and civil rights groups yesterday blasted President Truman's new Contract Compliance Committee as a "feeble attempt" to meet the insistent demands of the Negro people and the labor movement for a real Fair Employment Practices Committee.

Ewart Guinier, chairman of the Greater New York Negro Labor Council, and secretary-treasurer of the United Public Workers of America, listed the following points concerning the Presidential Order:

- It does not include all agencies under the direct control of the chief executive.
- By precedent, all contracts having to do with standard commercial supplies and materials are excluded from the Order.
- No provision for complaints to be filed by aggrieved persons or groups.
- No compulsory public hearings at which testimony could be given.
- No centralized enforcement authority.

OTHERS ALSO PROTESTS

Guinier's criticism joined with that of other groups, among them the Americans for Democratic Action and the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, both political supporters of the President. The ADA declared through its executive secretary, Reginald H. Zalles, in Washington that the Order was all right "as far as it goes, but it definitely does not go far enough. We continue to urge the President to create an effective FEPC with full powers in line with the Democratic Party platform adopted in 1948."

Clarence Mitchell, Washington NAACP representative, told the press, "I am disappointed because

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GUINIER

Gov't Orders Hike in Prices of Meat, Milk

WASHINGTON, Dec. 5.—The Truman administration today ordered price increases on thousands of products including coal, clothing, meat, milk, canned foods, cigarettes and drugs. The excuse offered was so-called "cost increases" since the beginning of the Korean war.

The Office of Price Stabilization issued an order bringing nearly all the nation's manufacturers, processors, mines and oil firms under the Capehart Amendment to the controls law, effective immediately.

OPS officials were silent about predicting any general price increase as a result of today's order. The agency admitted, however, that in specific cases where

applications for higher ceilings are approved the effect will be to raise prices.

The price agency previously applied the Capehart formula to some 70,000 manufacturers of such products as furniture, hardware, rubber goods and machinery. Special orders will be issued later to extend the formula to the automobile industry and service firms such as banks, dry cleaners, laundries and repair shops.

Price Chief Michael V. DiSalle warned that prices apparently are starting another upward swing.

The Agriculture Department reported that feed grain reserves for livestock have dipped to a new low which may mean a cutback in livestock production in 1953. The department said this would mean a "bite" out of present living standards and "great additional inflationary pressure."

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Koreans Propose Pro-U.S. Majority On Truce Team

Korean and Chinese negotiators at Panmunjom yesterday agreed to neutral supervision of any truce inspection, and themselves proposed a five-nation team weighted on the side of Washington, in a major compromise proposal to end the war quickly. The

Koreans suggested Sweden, Switzerland, and Denmark, all recognized as pro-Washington states, and Poland and Czechoslovakia, as nations qualified to inspect Korean ports of entry during an armistice.

In keeping with the Pentagon policy of shoot-and-stall, however, the Korean and Chinese proposal

U. S. Casualties Now 101,688

WASHINGTON, Dec. 5.—The Pentagon reported today that American battle casualties in the Korean war now total more than 101,688, an increase of 805 in a week.

The report covers casualties whose relatives had been notified through last Friday. It included 17,275 dead; 71,857 wounded; 17,988 missing; 175 captured and 1,398 previously reported missing who returned to duty.

Since these figures are old, the actual casualty toll is higher.

won the usual labels of "double-talk" and "hidden meanings" from Gen. Matthew Ridgway and his negotiators.

While the Koreans were cutting the ground from under Ridgway's propaganda to the effect that they had "refused" to accept neutral inspection, the Pentagon brass-hats were busy whipping up the flames of the war by giving the hoopla treatment to a couple of "Commando" raids behind Korean

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600 Community Delegates Map Swift Peace Drive

By LESTER RODNEY

The real possibility of turning the words "Peace on earth, good will to men" into quick reality was the theme that brought 600 delegates from New York's neighborhoods to their feet cheering Tuesday night at the packed Fraternal Clubhouse.

The delegates assembled under the auspices of the Greater New York Councils for Peace to launch the whirlwind campaign for 250,000 signatures to the simple and dramatic Christmas card plea to the President for peace in Korea and permanent world peace through big-power negotiations. This is the New York part of the national campaign now under way for millions of expressions for a Big Five meeting.

The meeting heard from the localities of astounding initial reactions to the non-partisan card, where canvassers reported that NOBODY, literally NOBODY approached had refused to sign the plea.

Rich and imaginative plans for dramatizing the campaign in the neighborhoods were forthcoming, including already successful usage of a "Santa Claus" with make-believe mail box and stacks of peace cards on street corners, Christmas caroling groups, getting the card into small local newspapers, getting committees of ministers, rabbis and community leaders to insert the contents of the card into papers as ads. . . .

And the assembled peace fighters from the four big boroughs pledged to help make the Union Square demonstration for peace next Tuesday, 5 to 7 p.m., a rousing success, a major step forward in the entire campaign.

ELOQUENT PLEA

It was a night for rapt attention to the eloquence of Rev. Jack McMichael, executive director of the Methodist Federation of Social Action, who spoke of the appropriateness of the Christmas season, with its story of a little child of peace, (Continued on Page 6)

UAW Board Calls Washington Meet On Unemployment

DETROIT, Dec. 5.—The executive board of the CIO United Automobile Workers will hold a national conference of local representatives in Washington on unemployment when Congress reconvenes for its 1952 session.

The union estimates that about 800 of the union's locals will send representatives. The conference will ask members of Congress to tell the delegates what they plan to do about the spreading mass layoffs and unemployment among auto workers.

The date for the conference has not been set.

Rally Tomorrow to Hear How Berlin Heard Robeson

By JOHN HUDSON JONES

The story of how Paul Robeson was present at the Berlin Youth Festival although the State Department refused him a passport will be told by some of the U.S. delegates who will be welcomed home at Riverside Plaza Hotel Friday night. Robeson will also be at the

GI's Mother Tells Denver Post 'Iron Curtain Is Right Here'

DENVER, Dec. 5.—It is "right here in the U.S." that the "Iron Curtain" is "descending," Mrs. Roy Hopkins, a GI's mother, declared in a plea, carried by the Denver Post, for an immediate end to the Korean war. Her letter, appearing on Nov. 19, declared, in part:

"There is one thing I want to know, and now. If the President of the United States has the power to order troops into Korea without a declaration of war, then we do not have the right as American citizens, to demand a 'cease-fire' in Korea? If this war—and it is war, declared or not—is going to be fought by the swivel-chair politicians in Washington, D.C., then I say let's have them fight it on the blood-soaked battlefield.

"This might, for a while at least, rid us of graft and filthy politics. And I'm further in favor of keeping them all there till after the next election, since this has all the aspects of a political war.

"I am no longer just confused. I am irate at a people who are absolutely unconcerned, and have little regard for anything but the almighty dollar. How much longer can our country—the greatest in the world—continue to exist under such standards? . . .

"Many answers have been given men as to 'why' we must continue to fight. They are all vague. I realize we must protect our own interests, but I also realize the importance of protecting our own country. I am beginning to see the 'iron curtain' slowly, but surely, descending right here in the United States. We are told the things we should not know, thereby publicizing these facts to the enemy. The things we have the right to know are denied us. Is this democracy, or dictatorship?"

Texas Bill Collectors Find Things Tough for Working People

LUBBOCK, Tex., Dec. 5.—Collection agents—the men who go around door-to-door demanding that people pay up their delinquent bills—say the public is having a tougher time financially than at any time since the last depression. The Lubbock Morning Advocate headlines the story, "Ordinary Working Man Is Losing Ground."

The paper (Nov. 9) quotes collection agents as saying that current "prosperity" just isn't, at least for the working man.

One bill collector said: "The ordinary working man making \$50 to \$60 a week isn't making a living. He's losing ground every week and it's getting worse.

"Right now, in 13 South Plains counties, we've got \$1½ million in past due accounts, most of them for less than \$100. Those are accounts the merchants have turned over to us as hopeless. And it's not that the people are deadbeats. They want to pay, but can't."

307,000 Peace Signatures in Israel

TEL AVIV, Dec. 5 (Telepress).—Three hundred and seven thousand Israeli people have already signed the Berlin Appeal for a Five-Power Peace Pact, the Israeli Peace Committee reports.

FADLING LOSES IN RACE FOR WOODWORKERS' CHIEF

PORTLAND, Ore., Dec. 5 (FP).—J. E. Fadling, president of the CIO Woodworkers since 1945, was defeated for reelection by Al F. Hartung in a union referendum. IWA spokesmen said the vote was very close.

Hartung, IWA first vice president, is a former CIO regional director and until recently was assistant director of organization for the woodworkers under an agreement with CIO.

In a move led by Fadling, the union's Denver convention in October voted to send the 10-year agreement with national CIO under which the latter appointed the union's organizing director and had charge of all organizing activity in the union.

Other top officers of the union elected for the next two years include J. E. Dicey, Laurel, Miss., first vice president; Claude Ballard, Portland, second vice presi-

H. W. Payne Dies; Was Textile Unionist

Herbert W. Payne, 49, a vice-president and one of the founders of the CIO Textile Workers Union, died here Dec. 2. Payne headed two of the union's major industry divisions—the Synthetic Yarn Division, with 35,000 members, and the Dyeing and Finishing Division, with 20,000 members.

Peace and Friendship Rally sponsored by the American Youth Peace Crusade.

To the consternation of U.S. officials in Berlin, Robeson's voice suddenly boomed out a fighting peace message over the East Berlin radio one day during the festival, and then he sang several songs of international solidarity.

One of the 66 U.S. delegates had brought a tape recording made by Robeson. When it became known, the recording was rushed to the radio station. The program was stopped and the announcer put Robeson on.

"I deeply wish I could be with you," the renowned Robeson told the world's progressive youth gathered there, "but the temporary rulers of the American government have said no. Their revocation of my passport is but part of a huge plan to try to isolate the whole American people from their true friends, the peace-loving masses of all lands."

Robeson went on to hail the fight of the youth for "peace and friendship" and declared, "your achievement must stand as a warning and a challenge to the arrogant diplomats who spend their time fanning differences into grievances, promoting conflict instead of agreement, preaching the hollow doctrine of the superiority of one group over another, planning for war instead of peace."

Robeson said he had confidence "that our young generation will play its full part in rescuing this nation from the shame and horror toward which the leaders of the trusts and the government seek blindly to lead it. . . . All hail the democratic, peace-loving youth of all the world."

Another historic message to the youth was from Mrs. Rosa Lee McGee, widow of Willie McGee who was legally lynched in Mississippi. "In my husband's name," she asked the Festival delegates, "I ask you never to stop your fight for peace until it has been won."

Present at the rally Friday night will be some of the 15 U.S. delegates who toured the Soviet Union. Among them will be Doris Mallard, daughter of Robert Mallard, the Georgia Negro who was lynched because he insisted on voting in 1948. Charles White, distinguished artist and leader of the U. S. delegation, will speak.

Of the many stories they have to tell will be one of how in Stalingrad 6,000 children put on Peace Relays in the Square of Fallen Heroes as their part in the world petition campaign for a Five Power Peace Pact.

Peace pageant will also be presented at the Riverside Plaza rally.

Our thanks to all our readers who have been writing up the facts of peace sentiment or actions for peace in their communities, and who have been sending in newspaper clippings on the same subject.

We hope our reader-reporters continue this vital service. Send us clippings, news, etc., which is helping our paper to report the 'big story' which no other paper is telling—the breadth and depth of the peace movement in America.

GIRL ASKS CAROLINA PAPER WHY WE'RE IN KOREA WAR

WINSTON-SALEM, N.C., Dec. 5.—Why are we fighting in Korea? And what are Communists? Teenager Ann Boyd wrote in an earnest letter to the Winston-Salem Journal. The paper ran the letter (Nov. 22), and felt impelled to devote a whole editorial answering it, besides.

But, as young Ann Boyd and the "many others like myself" for whom she wrote must certainly feel, the Journal only exposed the bankruptcy of its shopworn anti-Communist propaganda.

For, if after years of reading that stuff, Ann Boyd asked her probing questions, certainly she couldn't be satisfied by reading the editorialist's reshaped story that

Peace Poster Trial Dec. 13

SEATTLE, Wash., Dec. 5.—The trial of two youths for posting peace signs on utility poles has been set for Dec. 13 in police court.

The two, Lillian Potts, 21, and Michael Phillips, 19, were among a crew of four young people picked up on Roosevelt way by police early Nov. 12, the eve of Gen. MacArthur's appearance here. They were pasting up signs reading:

"Mac is back—bring our boys back now!"

CORRECTION

A typographical error in yesterday's issue listed the \$50 collection of shoe workers as from "Local 85." It was from members of Shoe Fitters, Local 65.

SELL \$1,000 OF XMAS SEALS TO REPEAL THE SMITH ACT

More than \$1000 has been gained for the \$250,000 fund to be used in defense of victims of the Smith Act through direct mail sale of Repeal the Smith Act Xmas



seals, Marion Bachrach, treasurer of the Self-Defense Committee of the 17 victims of the Smith Act announced yesterday.

"The stamps are going fast," she said, "and the thousands of people who want them should

war in Korea, where a cease-fire near the 38th Parallel is now being negotiated, came because the U. S. had to "help save the UN as the world's best hope for peace and justice" or that "Communists are people who would make the U. S. a satellite" of Russia.

Rather, reflecting dissatisfaction with just such propaganda answers Ann Boyd had written:

"I am hoping that you can give me, and so many others my age, the answer to some questions. Thus far, we can't find anyone who can really explain this.

"I think I speak for so many others like myself, who are in their late teens. Until the Korean War, I suppose we weren't bothering ourselves with newspapers and radio news broadcasts. Then, boys we had known all our lives were sent overseas, and some returned wounded or not at all.

"We are asking, 'Why?' What reason do we have to fight? To protect our country from Communists, sure. But, what are Communists? When we ask this, people look at us as if we had said something disgraceful. The papers describe Communists as Reds. I don't know what this means either.

"Maybe we're just dumb kids, but we're trying to learn. Give us a chance. Lots of kids our age are married and raising families, and others are over there dying. We're just asking a simple question that no one seems willing to answer. Maybe you of the older generation don't know either. Could that be the reason?"

remember there are only 20 days until Christmas."

The seals, attractively designed in red and green, sell for \$1 a sheet. Organizations all over the country, including Progressive Party clubs, Civil Rights chapters, ALP clubs in New York, and progressive bookstores, have bought the stamps in quantity lots of 500 and 1,000 sheets at the special price of 50 cents a sheet for quantity orders. They are used in sealing envelopes and Christmas packages, each seal bearing the message, "Dear Congressman—Make It a Happy New Year, Repeal the Smith Act."

There are 3,000 sheets available at defense headquarters, 799 Broadway, Room 642, New York 3, N. Y.

AMERICAN IN USSR REFUTES LIES IN N.Y. TIMES

By JOSEPH CLARK

MOSCOW, USSR.

There's a remarkable thing in Harry Schwartz's article on Soviet living standards published in the New York Times, Oct. 19. What's positively amazing is that one-half of one sentence in the article contains a true statement: the opening sentence which starts out, "The Soviet standard of living improved markedly in recent years. . . ."

Schwartz's article is based on an alleged report by an anonymous "United States Observer." It would be impossible to take up all of their lies and keep this brief, but let's take just a dozen or so of the most blatant lies.

Schwartz says that state stores in Moscow "do not usually carry

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milk or cheese." Not only usually, but every single day of the 430 days I've been here the "bakalayas" (grocery), the dairy stores and the "gastronom" have carried cheese. There have been some days when milk was not available in the state stores. On those days you could get the milk in the Kolhoz markets.

Schwartz says the stores lack refrigeration. The big stores have big refrigerators, the big and small ones have refrigerated counters.

Schwartz says the improvement in the Soviet standard of living is attributable in large part to im-

ports from Czechoslovakia and East Germany. A real observer here will be surprised how few Czechoslovak shoes you can find in the Soviet Union and how well stocked the stores are, and how adequately shod the people are with Soviet made shoes.

True, the Soviet Union imports bananas, it imports lemons because the Caucasian crop doesn't always keep up with the enormous demand, it imports Mexican pineapple, Bulgarian red peppers and some other items. The improved Soviet standard of living, however, is due to one factor alone—in-

creased Soviet production with emphasis on consumer goods made possible by a peace not a war economy.

According to Schwartz and his secret informant, "meat—primarily sausage (is) a rare luxury available perhaps once a week to a worker's family." That's almost as fantastic as the cheese lie. The average worker's family in every industrial center, not only in Moscow, eats meat every single day and usually twice a day.

They eat sausage in the morning—and there are 90 varieties of sausage, mostly pure beef; they eat meat in their dinner soup and then a separate meat dish at dinner.

How could meat be called a (Continued on Page 4)

U.S. Unionists Take a Look on the scoreboard—

At Europe—East and West

by lester rodney

Letter from 'Sporting News' and Reply

WE HAVE RECEIVED the following letter from Charles C. Spink, vice president of "The Sporting News," the country's foremost sports publication:

Dear Mr. Rodney:

We noted the reference you made to the letter that Johnny Bright wrote to The Sporting News—it is a shame that you couldn't have also pointed out that Johnny Bright also said:

"But bigger than any pain is something I've known for quite while. That America has a wonderful sense of fair play. Last year, INS named me a first All-American. Those words mean a lot to me. For what America really stands for means a lot to Johnny Bright."

Sincerely yours,
CHARLES C. SPINK

Here is the item we ran to which Mr. Spink refers, from the Nov. 23rd Scoreboard:

JOHNNY BRIGHT, Drake star who was deliberately slugged down at Oklahoma A&M, washing his football career up with a broken jaw, sent a letter to "Sporting News" last week after reading that weekly's editorial condemnation of the slugger, his coach, and the inaction of the Missouri Valley Conference.

Wrote Bright, in part:

"I appreciate your editorial very much . . . I surely wish the Oklahoma A&M incident had never happened. As a squad we felt we were on our way to an undefeated football season. . . . The letters I have received from all over the country show that many people are for fair play, regardless of your race, creed or color. Included among these are letters from Stillwater, Okla., to prove even where the incident occurred, people deplore unfair tactics."

AS MENTIONED in the original article here, I quoted only in part from Bright's full letter to the Sporting News. I thought I had extracted the most informative parts of the letter, but it could well be that with more thought I should have included the excerpts sent along by Mr. Spink.

In any case, we are happy to make the addition now. We think they are splendid words by Bright, stating the fact that this America of ours "has a wonderful sense of fair play," that the overwhelming majority of our people, when they bring their sentiments to bear, register them for real democracy as did the baseball fans in overriding the magnates' powerful jimcrow ban.

"For what America really stands for means a lot to Johnny Bright." What America REALLY stands for, wrote Bright. It is a sentence that speaks volume. If it means anything it means that America, the people, do not "stand for" for such things as happened in Stillwater with official blessings by college authorities, for such things as happened in Florida where two framed prisoners handcuffed together were shot down in cold blood by a racist sheriff who goes unpunished. America to him is not Wilbanks Smith or Coach Whitworth or the president of Oklahoma A&M or congressmen like Rankin, or jimcrow seats in buses or racist laws.

He is a thousand times right, and the good words "All American" will yet take on their full true meaning because he is right.

The vigorous and honest treatment of the case by Sporting News, reflecting as it must the sentiments of its readers, the sports fans in all parts of the land, showed some of that "wonderful sense of fair play" of which Johnny Bright wrote, and certainly made a contribution toward realization of "what America really stands for."

AND BEFORE GETTING off the subject, here's a nice little note from Mt. Vernon, Iowa. The faculty of Cornell College of Iowa has voted to cancel a scheduled wrestling match with Oklahoma A&M Feb. 23 "in recognition of the fact that as yet no disciplinary action has been taken either by Oklahoma A&M or the Missouri Valley Conference regarding the Bright incident."

Touching on Many Sports Topics

FOR WHAT IT'S worth, the latest rumor has the Dodgers offering Duke Snider, Carl Furillo and cash to St. Louis for Stan the Man. The Cards would keep Snider, who hits hard in Sportsman's Park, and send Furillo along to the Giants for Eddie Stanky, whom they want as manager. With Musial and Pafko in the outfield, the Dodgers figure they could "scrape along" in the third spot with either Don Thompson, on whom Buvasi is still very high, or Cal Abrams. . . . Another, more likely story is simply a trade with Cincinnati for righthander Howie Fox, with Abrams and a second line infielder going to the Reds. They want Bridges, Brooklyn would rather give 'em Morgan.

ST. JOHNS makes its Garden bow tonight against Brigham Young, which has lost its two aces, Hutchins and Minson, but still has plenty with Richey, Romney and Christenson, enough to give a good quick test to the Brooklyn Redmen's pretensions. We'll record our impressions. St. Johns goes with the top trio of last year, Zawoluk, McGilvray and McMahon, plus sophs Jim Davis, a 6-5 husky and Solly Walker, 6-3 star from Boys High and the school's first Negro player. Sounds like quite a lineup.

What's happening to Texas? Times have changed. The Texas Christian team which plays Manhattan in the Garden curtain raiser has only a 6-7 center and a 6-3 forward in its starting lineup to pit against the New Yorkers' 6-8 Kellog and 6-5 King. And TCU guard John Ethridge, at 5-8, will be far and away the smallest man on the floor. Incidentally, TCU has a veteran team favored to duplicate its football team's championship.

The Herald Tribune's Red Smith, very much upset over the charges of dirty Dartmouth football made by Princeton players in the Daily "Princetonian," writes:

"This is a serious charge against any man responsible for the training of youth, one that should be made only by the most responsible of authorities. Made against a gentleman of Tuss McLaughry's peerless integrity, it is downright disgraceful."

That last sentence sounds like a bit of Smith's delightful satire, but the man really means it. At the basketball lunch the other day radio man Bud Palmer, ex-Princetonian, who saw the game, told me: "I hate to see a player deliberately hit somebody who is out of bounds already, with the play over. That's not football."

What "responsible authorities" does Smith have in mind? The authorities of the Missouri Valley Conference?

Ted Tinsley Says

X MARKS THE SPOT

A Father Leopold Braun, writing in the Times magazine section on religion in the Soviet Union, remarked on "the terrific success of Hitler's policy of reopening churches in occupied areas."

O, for the good old days, and the good old sermons that must have been preached in Nazi-occupied areas! Of course, I missed any reference to the number of Jewish places of worship which the Nazis opened, but perhaps I read too fast. Or maybe Father Braun didn't count.

Following Father Braun came Father X and Father Y, two gentlemen who have concealed their identity by having themselves photographed with hoods over their faces. According to the Herald Tribune, they told an eager press that in the Soviet Union "one system of fostering belief in children . . . was to have them pray to Stalin and then throw open a door beyond which was a nurse with candy and cookies. Then, he added, the children are told that Stalin has answered their prayers."

This means that you have to have a nurse and a bag of candy with every prayer. No nation could stand the economic strain!

Unfortunately for Fathers X and Y, this drivel is awfully stale. It's the old "conditioned-reflex" nonsense that every anti-Soviet pro has tried once or twice. Huxley, I believe, started it off, and

then Koestler picked it up for the "war we drool for" issue of Collier's: Fathers X and Y have made no improvement.

After that statement you begin to realize why they really wore masks. Would you talk like that in public and show your face at the same time?

Father X is a "spiritual" leader who always seemed to get in trouble when he lost contact with the Nazis. In 1940, for instance, he fled "across the border into the German-occupied portion of the Ukraine." There he found peace and happiness, and he moved joyfully along, caroling hosannas, wherever the Nazis Army went. There is no record that Father X got into any trouble from 1940 to 1944 when he was under the tender care of assorted gauleiters.

Incidentally, Father X records that he made his first escape to the haven of Hitler while "disguised as a bum."

No comment.

And where was Father Y all this time? Come on, fellows, don't you know your alphabet? Doesn't Y always follow X? Sure. Father Y was sunning himself in Nazi-occupied Poland where nothing in the atmosphere seemed to disturb his spiritual meditations.

Take off the masks and tell us about the nurses and the candy again. We really liked that one. It's almost as good as Milton Berle.

Nadyne Brewer Sings Sunday



NADYNE BREWER

Nadyne Brewer, young Negro mezzo-soprano who has won acclaim from music critics throughout the country, will appear in a recital of classical and folk songs at the Jefferson School of Social Science, 16th St. and Sixth Ave., on Sunday at 3 p.m.

Miss Brewer is a graduate of the University of Kansas School of Fine Arts and has given recitals in Chicago, Detroit, several cities in Kansas, and New York. She was guest artist at the National Convention of Negro Musicians in Chicago and also at the Chicago Peace Festival last June.

The recital is sponsored by a class at the Jefferson School. It will be followed by a reception and dancing. Admission is \$1.

Simonov Raps Priestley for Warmongering

By RALPH PARKER

MOSCOW (Telepress). — In a scorching attack on J. B. Priestley for his participation in Collier's notorious warmongering October issue, Konstantin Simonov, prominent member of the Union of Soviet Writers, writes that the Briton's contribution marks the end of his career as a gifted writer.

The fact that Priestley depicted himself as an observer who only appears on the scene after Moscow has been atomized by others, does not excuse him, Simonov writes. All decent people would know what to think of "this neatly dressed cannibal in white gloves."

In writing for Collier's Priestley had participated in the collective work of writers who, contrary to the usual highly individualistic behavior, had been attracted by high fees to indulge in the pleasure of wiping out the land of Socialism, if only on paper, Simonov says.

Priestley must bear full responsibility for his share in the collective work. His article is marked by no less hatred of the Soviet people than the others. It showed too, in an astonishing way how quickly a writer can lose his intelligence and talents when he sells his pen.

Finally, Simonov recalls that Priestley once described the Soviet writers as the "world's conscience" and praised Soviet socialism when he condemned industrial

U. S. LABOR LOOKS AT EUROPE. 40 pp. 5 cents. A YANKEE TOOLMAKER ABROAD. 30 pp. 5 cents. Published by American Committee to Survey Labor Conditions in Europe. 1265 Broadway, New York.

The report by the Negro and white trade unionists who took their own look at conditions in France, Italy, Poland and the Soviet Union, is now available in pamphlet form. Issued under the title U. S. Labor Looks at Europe by the American Committee to Survey Labor Conditions in Europe, the pamphlet should be sure-fire with thousands of American workers. Because in it, American workers who talk their language, with no other axe to grind than their desire for peace and a better life for working people everywhere, tell the straightforward story of what they saw abroad. They tell how the Marshall Plan has helped to grind West European workers deeper into poverty. And, on the basis of the hundreds of Soviet workers they spoke to — freely and openly — and the factories, homes, parks, rest centers, theatres, schools, etc., they saw, they give an eyewitness picture of a thriving society, supported by its citizens, interested not in war but in peaceful progress.

A Yankee Toolmaker Abroad, a companion booklet published by the committee, is Philip LeFavour's own story of his tour of Europe as a member of another U. S. labor delegation. President of Local 271, United Electrical Workers and a toolmaker at the United Shoe Machinery Corp.

An American Legionnaire and U. S. Navy war vet, LeFavour visited France, Czechoslovakia and the Soviet Union. Of the latter he writes: "These people have an even greater understanding of the need for peace than was expressed by the French people we met. To them war not only means mass murder and destruction and chaos in the country but it would also mean the arrest of the progress of their country and society. They have their sights set on a brighter future; they do not have a certain segment of their population who profit and make millions of dollars from war."

Ariz. Flouts Bias Law

TUCSON, Ariz., Dec. 5.—The State Supreme Court's decision of last year to bar segregation of Mexican children in Arizona school, is being flouted on a statewide scale, the Alianza Hispano-American society charged here.

magnates for their interminable conspiring against the Soviet Union.

But Simonov does not address these reminders to Priestley himself. For him, the English writer whose books were once widely read in the Soviet Union and whose plays were more popular on the Soviet stage than on London's, no longer exists and the article he writes in the Literary Gazette is cast in the form of a funeral oration. Enough has been said for every honorable man to discard any illusions he may have had about the former writer Priestley, Simonov concludes.

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Genocidal Terror Hits Negro People In Louisiana

OPELOUSAS, La., Dec. 5.—Anti-Negro terror has grown to "genocidal, pogrom proportions" in this town where John Lester Mitchell, 33-year-old Negro fighter for the right to vote was killed two weeks ago by a deputy sheriff, the New Orleans Civil Rights Congress reported today.

The charge was occasioned by an announced police "manhunt" here for three Negroes accused of "attacking" a white nightclub bouncer who held a "non-salaried sheriff's commission." Authorities are holding two Negroes said to

be "accomplices" of the three men sought.

Sheriff Guilbeau, this area's highest law enforcement officer, has not explained the motive for the alleged "attack" by the five Negroes. The "charge" against the slain Mitchell was clearer—he had sued for the right to vote a few days before he was killed after having been arrested on a flimsy excuse by a deputy sheriff.

In backing up its charge against local law enforcement officers, the Civil Rights Congress points out that state records reveal that out of a 71,000 population, only 17,601 white persons registered as voters in St. Landry Parish, of which Opelousas is the seat. No Negroes, according to the records, are listed as voters, although they represent roughly one-half of the parish population.

In 1950, alone, the CRC points out, eight Opelousas Negroes were beaten when they sought to register as voters. Alvin Jones, one of the eight, a prominent New Orleans educator, died last October as a result of an operation made necessary by the beating.

Opelousas was the site of the "rape" frameup of Edward Honeycutt, the 25-year-old Negro sharecropper, who was electrocuted last June. Paul Washington, a 24-year-old Negro war veteran, now faces death on another "rape" charge. Washington, already sentenced to death, has had his sentence appealed to the U. S. Supreme Court by Civil Rights Congress attorneys.

No white man since 1907 has been sentenced to death in Louisiana for the crime of rape.

BARE SUFFERING OF MENTALLY ILL AT THE CLEVELAND STATE HOSPITAL

By A. STRAUSS

CLEVELAND, Dec. 5.—Cleveland people were shocked on Nov. 23 when the Cleveland Press revealed that mentally-ill patients in the Cleveland State Hospital are using tin cans as a substitute for drinking cups while the superintendent of the hospital was pressing for \$20,000 "to buy new furniture to be placed in the superintendent's quarters."

Graphic pictures showed the poorly clad patients standing because there were not enough hard benches for all of them to be seated, and contrasting photographs revealed the luxurious quarters of the superintendent which are sought to further enhance. Dr. Maurice B. Gordon, the hospital superintendent, said while pressing for the appropriation for his private suite of 14 rooms, eight fireplaces, private bar, sumptuous porch, etc., "My sole concern is the welfare of the patients. I am receptive to any

suggestion which results in better care and treatment for them."

Dr. Gordon pays the state \$75 a month for the elaborate furnished apartment and receives the services of four servants, including a hired cook and housekeeper and two patients.

An investigation of the state hospital system revealed that the patients' quarters were unpainted, drab and cheerless, and recommended that facilities to accommodate more than 11,000 more patients should be provided to alleviate conditions of overcrowding. The investigating commission recommended that 10,000 more employees are needed for efficient operation of the 18 state hospitals, and that attendants and lower salaried employees should receive a pay boost, as well as a training program and civil service classification.

Gov. Lausche blamed the hospital management for many of the unsatisfactory conditions in the in-

stitution and declared: "Personally, I believe that much can be done with present facilities and personnel to improve conditions in the Cleveland State Hospital."

Relatives of patients have been trying for many months to secure improvements, and the answer of the administration is typically like this one: "The suggestion of a patient's father that wards be equipped with drinking fountains is being seriously considered," the superintendent said in a formal statement.

It was pointed out by Dr. Baker, Ohio commissioner of mental hygiene, that a fourth of the 26,000 patients in Ohio state hospitals could be restored to home life by a stepped-up treatment program; that the building program would be largely unnecessary if more patients received total treatment instead of sitting idly in neglected wards. Gov. Lausche made no reference in his statements to this suggestion.

What's On?

Tonight Manhattan

LECTURE ON CHILDREN'S TENSION in the Atomic Age, by well-known commentator William Gallimore. Auspices, Nature Friends, Dec. 6 at 8 p.m. at Yugoslav Home, 405 W. 41st St., N.Y.C. Everyone welcome.

Tomorrow Manhattan

WHAT IN THE WORLD IS HAPPENING TO ART? Symposium. Prestopino, Strickland, Keller and Finkelstein. Chairman—Philip Riesman. Friday evening, Dec. 7, 8:30 p.m. at 111 W. 88th St. Adm. \$1. Benefit Civil Rights Congress.

Coming

THE GARMENT LABOR PEACE COMMITTEE invites you to Cabaret-Dance-Concert at the Cornish Arms Hotel Ballroom, 23d St. and 8th Ave., Saturday evening, Dec. 8, 1951. American Folk Songs, Nyasa Dance group in Armenian Dances, Concert Singer. Admission \$1.20 tax incl.

CONCERT, The Balalaika Symphonic Orchestra, Alexander Kutin, conductor. 25 Russian Male Choir, Alex Nichil, domra soloist. Saturday evening, Dec. 8. Tickets Carnegie Hall Box-Office, \$1.20, \$1.80, \$2.40, tax included.

"HIT THE DECK"—Lend a Hand, "We'll Scuttle the Smith Act" Dance, Otis McRea's Orchestra, Laura Duncan, Hesh Bernardi, Lill Goodman, and Jerry Atinsky. Sat., Dec. 8, '51. Penthouse Ballroom, 13 Astor Pl. Ausp. Maritime Labor Comm. to Defend Al Lannon. Adm. \$1 in adv. \$1.25 at door. Tickets at Bookfair, 133 W. 44th St., Jefferson Bookshop, 575 6th Ave., Workers Bookshop, 48 E. 13th St. and at Committee's Headquarters, 799 Broadway.

New Jersey

ENJOY THIS WEEKEND at a Progressive Camp, Camp Midvale, New Jersey, only one hour from New York City at special off-season rates, all sports, beautiful hiking country, folk dancing, etc., for further information call Terhune 3-1600.

McCARRAN BOARD RULES IT IS 'UNBIASED'

WASHINGTON, Dec. 5.—The Subversive Activities Control Board has voted to deny the motion of the Communist Party for disqualifying Dr. Kathryn McHale, chairman Peter Campbell Brown announced today.

Dr. McHale, one of the three members of SACB whose nomination was approved by Sen. Pat McCarran (D-Nev.), made a speech before a Democratic Party women's meeting on Nov. 15 in which she compared the current hearings to "an old recipe for rabbit stew."

"First you must catch the rabbit," she said.

Because of the bias and prejudice against the Communist Party revealed in that speech, attorney John Abt, representing the Communist Party, moved on Nov. 20 that she be disqualified.

In denying the motion, the board cited the decision of the Second Circuit Court of Appeals in the Dennis case. Although juror Janney had declared, "We are already fighting a war with communism." The Circuit Court held that this declaration "was insufficient to disqualify him," the SACB said.

After saying Dr. McHale's speech "in general" was unbiased, the board concluded, "Under the circumstances we do not believe it necessary to discuss in detail those parts of the speech . . . which are relied upon by respondents."

New Attorneys for Christoffel Replace Rogge

Harold Christoffel, former president of CIO United Automobile Workers Local 248 in Milwaukee, announced here yesterday that he has retained new counsel to replace O. John Rogge in his appeal of a "perjury" conviction.

Christoffel's appeal is now before the U. S. Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia. He faces a possible jail sentence of two to six years. A previous conviction was reversed by the Supreme Court in June, 1949.

Christoffel announced he will be represented hereafter by David Scribner of New York, Ernest Goodman of Detroit, Daniel Sobol of Milwaukee and David Rein of Washington, D. C., all well-known labor lawyers.

The auto workers' leader was charged with "perjury" as a result of his appearance before a congressional committee which "investigated" an eleven-month strike against the Allis-Chalmers Corp. in Milwaukee in 1947. For denying he was a Communist, Christoffel was charged with perjury and brought to trial in 1948.

The government introduced as "evidence" charges alleging that Christoffel was seen walking into a hamburger stand where two alleged Communists were eating; that he sat in a public meeting in the same row of seats as some alleged Communists; that he attended a union dance at which alleged Communists were present. The Harold Christoffel Defense

Committee has appealed to trade union leaders and members to write the Justice Department in Washington, demanding that the government end its attempt to jail Christoffel for his militant leadership.

New Brunswick

Xmas Dance Friday

NEW BRUNSWICK, N. J., Dec. 5.—A "Merry" Christmas Dance to raise funds to enable jailed victims of jimcrow justice and their families to have "some holiday cheer will be held Friday evening at the Elks Home, 150 Baldwin St. New Brunswick, under the auspices of the Middlesex County Civil Rights committee. Music will be furnished by George Jackson and his Melodic Five, and Juanita Griffin will sing.

Admission to the dance is \$1.25 at the door; \$1 in advance. Tickets may be obtained from Joseph Welch, 99 Talmadge St. New Brunswick, chairman of the local committee.

'Freedom Road'

MOSCOW.—A stage version of "Freedom Road," novel of Negro struggle by Howard Fast, is playing at the Dramatic Theatre. Produced by People's Artists, Nikolai Okhlopkov, it is one of the new plays staged at Moscow's theaters in honor of the 34th anniversary of the Great October Revolution.

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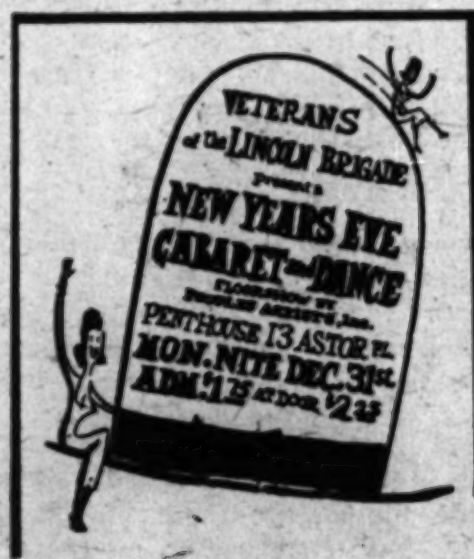
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